

## **Funded Research - Last 7 Years**

### **Arbisi**

1993-2010 Continuously funded studies related to the use of the MMPI-2 and MMPI-2 RF in Inpatient and Medical Settings. Current Funding related to validation of MMPI-2 RF in prediction of risk and resilience in returning National Guard Soldiers, identification of treatment outcome in Veterans with PTSD, and the impact of assessment context on MMPI-2 RF validity scales. University of Minnesota Press Principal Investigator: \$460,500 (renewed annually)

2006-2009 "Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF National Guard Troops. Department of Defense (#PR064165) Co-Investigator \$787,176 10%

2007-2008 "Genetic and Biochemical Factors Associated with Risk and Resilience in Returning Iraq Veterans" Minnesota Veteran Research Institute Principal Investigator \$20,000 10%

### **Blahnik**

Measurement and Outcomes Post Severe Brain Injury, Co-Investigator, funded from 10/1/07-9/30/10, Total=\$881,500

### **Collins**

Co-Investigator & Site Principal Investigator (PI), Development of a Quality of Life Tool of Deployment-Related TBI, VHA Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D) Grant.

Co-Investigator, The Effects of Explosive Blast as Compared to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain Function and Structure, Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs Grant.

Co-Investigator & Site PI, Pain and Emotional Disorders in Veterans with and without Polytrauma, HSRD Grant.

Investigator, Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN

### **Engdahl**

2007-2010: \$750,000 VA grant: Studies of Human Brain Functioning and PTSD. (Co-Principal Investigators: A Georgopoulos, B Engdahl)

2007-2009: \$67,215 Templeton Foundation grant a Prayer Skills Training intervention among veterans with PTSD (PI: J Harris, Co-I's: B Engdahl & C Erbes)

2006-2008: \$299,000 VA Compensated Work Therapy Polytrauma Enhancement (B Engdahl, R Collins & J Harris)

2005-2008: \$98,000 Templeton Foundation grant to study Spirituality and Coping with Trauma (PI: J Harris, Co-I's: B Engdahl & C Erbes)

2004-2009: \$150,000 from private foundations for OIF/OEF Returnee research

1991-2005: \$50,000 from private foundations for POW research

## **Erbes**

2009-2010 Erbes, C. R. (PI). Moving Narrative Ideas Into Practice: Preliminary Study of a Trauma Manual. Shine a Light Narrative Research Fund. \$25,563

2008-2009 Erbes, C.R. (PI) Polusny, M.A., Arbisi, P.A., Harris, J.I., & Thuras, P. Impact of Psychiatric Diagnoses and Injury on Vocational Outcomes in OIF Veterans. VA Health Science Research & Development Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI; RRP 08-385), \$75,000

2008 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), Kehle, S., Nelson, N., & Thuras, P. Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers, Rapid Response Protocol, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Science, Research, and Development, \$75,000.

2007-2008 Erbes, C.R. (PI) & Polusny, M.A. (co-PI). Couple relationships in returning OIF/OEF veterans, Lilly Endowments Inc., \$99,876.

2007-2011 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Erbes, C.R. (Co-PI), Arbisi, P.A., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF National Guard Troops, Department of Defense (W81XWH-07-2-0033), \$787,176.

2007-2008 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Readiness and Resilience in National Guard Soldiers (RINGS) Interview Project, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, \$84,000.

2007-2008 Arbisi, P. A. (PI), Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I). Validation of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (MMPI-2 RF) in National Guard Soldiers Recently Returned from Service in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), University of Minnesota Press, \$27,209.

2007-2008 Arbisi, P.A., (PI), Sponheim, S., Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), & Thuras, P. Genetic and Biochemical Factors Associated with Risk and Resilience in Returning Iraq Veterans, Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, Investigator Grants Program, \$20,000.

2007 – 2008 Harris, J. I. (PI), Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), & Engdahl, B., Religiosity and Coping with Trauma: Longitudinal Relationships, Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, \$20,000.

2004 – 2008 J. I. Harris (PI), Erbes, C.R (Co-I), Engdahl, B., & Kroll, J., Religiosity, Trauma, & Physical Health Outcomes: Bridging the Gap among Disciplines, Templeton Foundation (11320), \$167,000.

2006-2007 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), & Thuras, D., National Guard Service Personnel Predeployment Study, Minnesota Medical Foundation (3662-9227-06), \$12,000;

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, \$5,000 in Research Service supplemental funds.

2005 – 2007 Erbes, C.R. (PI), & Leskela, J., Quality Of Life, Subjective Improvement, and Treatment

### **Hagedorn**

2009-2010 Co-Investigator, The Brief Addictions Monitor in the VA Substance Abuse Treatment System. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative Rapid Response Project, \$100,000.

2009-2010 Co-Investigator, Barriers and Supports for Alcohol Use Disorders Pharmacotherapy. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative Rapid Response Project, \$100,000.

2009-2014 Consultant, Pacific Coast Research Center for Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies 2. National Institute on Drug Abuse, \$2,245,340.

2009-2010 Co-Principal Investigator, Implementation of Nurse-Based Rapid HIV Testing in VA Substance Use Disorders Clinics. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative Rapid Response Project, \$100,000.

2008-2011 Co-Investigator, Telephone Care Coordination for Smokers in Mental Health Clinics. VA Health Services Research & Development, \$1,180,254.

2006-2010 Principal Investigator, Effectiveness of Contingency Management in VA Addictions Treatment. VA Health Services Research & Development, \$898,604.

2006-2009 Co-Investigator, HIV Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions (HITIDES). VA Health Services Research & Development, \$881,467.

### **Harris**

"March 2007-March 2008 Principal Investigator, " Religiosity and Coping with Trauma: Longitudinal Relationships." Research funded by the Minnesota Veterans Research Institute.

"March 2005- Nov. 2008 Principal Investigator, "Religiosity, Trauma, and Health: Bridging the Gaps among Disciplines." Research funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

"July 2008-July 2010 Co-Principal Investigator, "Animal Assisted Therapy as an Adjunct to Group Interventions for Veterans in Outpatient Psychiatric Care" Funded by the Center for the Study of Human-Animal Relationships and Environments."

"Nov. 2008-April 2009 Co-Investigator." Impact of Psychiatric Diagnoses and Injury on Vocational Outcomes in OIF Veterans." VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project"

### **Hegeman**

Treatment Program Grant for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23, "New Evidence-Based Specialized Treatment Program for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness", \$1,630,824. B.M. Hegeman, Co-Principal Investigator. June 2005 to May 2008.

Treatment Program Grant for Minneapolis VA Medical Center, "Implementing Evidence-Based

Specialized Treatment Program For Veterans with Serious Mental Illness: Illness Management and Recovery." B.M. Hegeman, Co-Principal Investigator. \$228, 452 per year, guaranteed FY 2006-2007, with option for FY 2008.

#### **Hoffman-Konn**

Co-investigator, study of Animal Assisted Therapy as an Adjunct to Group Interventions for Veterans in Outpatient Psychiatric Care.

#### **Isenhardt**

Co-Investigator, CSR&D VA Merit Review Research Project entitled: "Motivating Chronic Hepatitis C to Reduce Alcohol Use." Study Objectives: Motivating Chronic Hepatitis C Patients to Reduce Alcohol Use is a two-site (Minneapolis and Portland VAMCs), randomized clinical trial evaluating the efficacy of Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET) versus a control health education condition on alcohol use in patients with chronic hepatitis C. Specifically, the primary objective of the study is to determine the efficacy of MET in reducing alcohol use in a population of HCV-infected veterans who are currently drinking alcohol and have alcohol use disorders. Principle Investigator: Eric Dieperink, MD, Psychiatrist, Minneapolis VAMC.

Co-Investigator, CSR & D VA Service Merit Review Proposal entitled: "Efficacy & Safety of Baclofen to Reduce Alcohol Use in Veterans with HCV." (This project received a high evaluation score by the CSR& D and the PI was encouraged to re-submit the proposal).

Study Objectives: The primary objective is to determine the efficacy of baclofen in reducing alcohol use in a sample of HCV-infected veterans who are currently drinking alcohol and have alcohol use disorders. Secondary objectives include determining whether baclofen reduces alcohol rumination (craving); whether reduction in alcohol use reduces hepatitis C viral titers; whether a change in self-reported alcohol use is associated with changes in percent Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin (%CDT) and Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG) levels; the safety of baclofen in reducing alcohol use in a sample of HCV-infected veterans who are currently drinking alcohol and have alcohol use disorders; and whether baclofen affects non-alcohol behaviors such as adherence to hepatitis clinic appointments and initiation of antiviral treatment.

#### **Leskela**

Co-Site Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, estimated budget: up to \$14,000. Genetic tissue banking for VA Cooperative Study # 519 secondary study

Site Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, estimated budget: up to \$1,043,833. Integrating practice guidelines for smoking cessation into mental health care for posttraumatic stress disorder, VA Cooperative Study # 519.

Co-Investigator, Minnesota Medical Foundation, University of Minnesota, funded \$12,900, Quality of life, subjective improvement, and treatment satisfaction in combat-related PTSD.

#### **Lundgren**

Measurement and Outcomes Post Severe Brain Injury, Co-Principal Investigator, funded from 10/1/07-9/30/10, Total=\$881,500

## McGuire

Co-investigator, The Effects of Blast As Compared to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain Function and Structure.

Budget: \$1,352,107 (2008 - 2012)

Funding Source: Department of Defense (DoD)

Principal Investigator: S.R. Sponheim

Co-Investigator, Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Budget: \$20,000 (2008 – 2010)

Funding Source: Minnesota Veterans Research Institute

Principal Investigator: N. Nelson

Principal Investigator, Components of Memory and Attentional Dysfunction in Traumatic Brain Injury.

Budget: \$20,000 (2006 – 2008)

Funding Source: Minnesota Veterans Research Institute

## Nelson

Arbisi, P. A. & Nelson, N. W. (Co-I). Examination of the Impact of Context on MMPI-2 Validity Scales in Compensation Seeking Veterans. University of Minnesota Press – Test Division, 6/01/08 to 6/01/10, \$6,500.

Arbisi, P. A., & Nelson, N. W. (Co-I). The Validity of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (RF) in Identifying the Development of Chronic Pain Conditions in Veterans of OEF/OIF. 6/01/09 - 6/01/11, \$21,000.

Nelson, N. W. (PI). Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Pilot Study Funding Awarded by Irving Gottesman, Ph.D. through the American Psychological Foundation. Time unlimited. 2,444.

Nelson, N. W. (PI), Sponheim, S., McGuire, K., Arbisi, P., & Polusny, M. Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI). 1/01/09 – 12/31/10. \$20,000.

Polusny, M. A., (PI), Arbisi, P. A., Erbes, C. R., Kehle, S., Nelson, N. (Co-I), Thuras, P. D., Collins, R., Sayer, N., Murdoch, M. Mild TBI/PTSD Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project, completed 12/31/08, \$75,000.

Yu, F. (PI), Nelson, N. W. (Co-I), Dysken, M., Wyman, J., Savik, K. Validating Clinical Measures of Executive Function in U.S. Veterans. University of Minnesota Academic Health Center Seed Grant. 1/01/09 – 12/31/10. \$25,000.

Yu, F. (PI), Dysken, M., Wyman, J., Savik, K., Nelson, N.W. (Consultant). Feasibility of Aerobic Activity

in Alzheimer's Disease. American Health Assistance Foundation. \$150,000. 2009-2011.

## **Nienow**

Principal Investigator, Remediation of Working Memory in Schizophrenia, Rehabilitation Merit Award funded from the Department of Veterans Affairs, January 2010-December 2013.

Principal Investigator, Process and Outcome of Multiple Family Group Therapy for Patients with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder, awarded by Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, September 2008-September 2010.

## **Olson**

Willenbring, M., Olson, D., Sonnier, E., Miller, M., Nelson, P., Lynch, J., (1991 to 9/96). Effectiveness of outpatient care for alcohol related disorders. \$259, 900, funded 5-year HSR&D grant.

Olson, D.H., Willenbring, M., & Lofgren (1989-1990). Effectiveness of an approach with heavy drinking medical outpatients. \$50,000, funded 2-year Research Advisory Grant.

Willenbring, M., Lofgren, R., Olson, D., Miller, M., Lathrop, L., & Lynch, J. (1989). A health education approach to heavy drinkers in the medical setting. \$31,000, funded 1-year Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation Grant.

## **Polusny** - Selected 3 of 21 funded research grants in past 7 years:

2007-2011 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Erbes, C.R., Arbisi, P.A., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF National Guard Troops, Department of Defense (W81XWH-07-2-0033).

07/08-12/08 Polusny, M. A., (PI), Arbisi, P. A., Erbes, C. R., Kehle, S., Nelson, N., Thuras, P. D., Collins, R., Sayer, N., Murdoch, M. Mild TBI/PTSD Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers. VA HSR&D, Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project (08-252).

2010-2011 Kehle, S. M. (PI), Polusny, M.A. (Co-PI), Erbes, C.R., Nelson, N., Arbisi, P.A., Meis, L.A., & Thuras, P. Treatment preferences and barriers in OIF soldiers with mTBI and/or PTSD, VA HSR&D, Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project.

## **Sponheim**

1. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Genetic and Time-Frequency Aspects of Neural Phenotypes in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$650,000. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2010 to 2014.
2. Center Supplemental Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Genomics in Recovery from Serious and Persistent Mental Illness", direct costs \$294,120. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2008 to 2009.
3. Department of Defense (DoD), "The Effects of Blast As Compared to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain Function and Structure", direct costs \$1,352,107. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator, 2008 to 2012.
4. Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI), "Genes Associated with Functional and Structural Neural Injury after Brain Injury", direct cost \$20,000. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2006 to 2007.
5. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Neural Phenotype-Genotype Associations in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$799,400. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2005 to 2010.
6. R24, National Institutes of Mental Health, "Aberrant Cortical Dynamics in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$726,856. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2004 to 2007.
7. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Cognitive Deficits as Indicators of Genetic Liability in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$638,100. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 1999 to 2004.

## **Strom**

Investigator, National Center for PTSD: The effectiveness of the work success manual for OEF/OIF veterans- October 2009. Amount: \$14,000

Co-Investigator, University of Hawaii-Manoa Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Longitudinal Assessment of Undergraduate Student Persistence – July 2007. Amount: \$7,000

# **Paul Arbisi, Ph.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology, 1990
- Internship: University of Minnesota Consortium, 1989

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

- Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota
- Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Rapid and accurate assessment and diagnosis of psychopathology in outpatient settings to facilitate triage and treatment planning. Consultation with inpatient psychiatry team on diagnostically challenging inpatients. Assessment of motivation for treatment within the context of compensation seeking.

## **Honors and Recognitions**

Fellow APA Division 12

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Arbisi, P.A., Polusny, M., Erbes, C., Thuras, P., & Reddy, M. (2008). The MMPI-2 Restructured Form in National Guard Soldiers recently returned from service in Iraq: Preliminary Findings. Paper Presented to the 43rd Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Minneapolis, MN.

Erbes, C.R., Polusny, M., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Rath, M., & Courage, C. (2008). Contextual Predictors of Post-Deployment Symptoms in the RINGS cohort. Paper presented at the annual Conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, MA.

Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Erbes C.R., & Polusny, M. A. (2008). Neuroticism and Introversion moderate distress in deployed national guard soldiers. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, MA.

Ferrier-Auerbach, A.G., Kehle, A., Erbes, C.R., Arbisi, P.A., Thuras, P., & Polusny, M.A. (2008). Alcohol use in National Guard soldiers pre and post deployment. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, MA.

Arbisi, P.A. (2008). Toward implementing evidence based assessment in clinical practice. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, MA.

Kehle, S. M., Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., & Murdoch, M. (November, 2008). Determinants of Early Mental Health Treatment Seeking Among a Cohort of Iraq War National Guard Soldiers. Poster presented at the 42nd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, FL.

Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Kehle, S., Erickson, D., Murdoch, M., Rath, M., & Courage, C. (November, 2008). Mental Health Risk and Resilience in OIF Deployment National Guard Soldiers: Prospective Predictors. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Chicago, IL.

Arbisi, P.A., Sellbom, M., Ben-Porath, Y.S. (2009). Beyond the RC scales: The empirical correlates



of the MMPI-2 RF in outpatient VA medical patients. Paper presented at the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.

Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C., Polusny, M.A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M. (2009). The Classification Accuracy of the MMPI-2 RF in Identifying Psychiatric Illness in National Guard Soldiers. Paper presented to the 44th

Annual MMPI-2, MMPI-2 RF, and MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Minneapolis, MN

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Wygant, D. B., Boutacoff, L.I., Arbisi, P.A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., Kelly, P.H., & Rupp, W.M. (2007). Examination of the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical (RC) Scales in a sample of bariatric surgery candidates. *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings* 14, 197-205.

Arbisi, P.A., Sellbom, M., & Ben-Porath, Y.S. (2008). Empirical correlates of the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical Scales in psychiatric inpatients. *Journal of Personality Assessment* 90, 122-128.

Kampuis, J.H., Arbisi, P.A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., & McNulty, J.L. (2008). Detecting Co-morbid Axis II Status Among Inpatients Using the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical Scales. *European Journal of Psychological Assessment*, 24, 157-164

Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Kehle, S., Rath, M., Courage, C., Reddy, M. K. & Duffy, C. (2009). Impact of Prior OEF/OIF Combat Duty on Mental Health in a Pre-deployment Cohort of National Guard Soldiers. *Military Medicine*.

Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R, Polusny, M.A., & Nelson, N. (revision under review). The Concurrent and incremental validity of the trauma symptom inventory in woman reporting histories of sexual maltreatment.

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### **Other Professional Activities**

- Consulting Editor: *Psychological Assessment*, *Journal of Personality Assessment*.
- Core Faculty MMPI-2 Workshops

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## **Kimberly Bares, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, Clinical Psychology, 1998
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1997

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provide neuropsychological and psychological assessment services within the Mental and Behavioral Health Service Line, based primarily on the Geriatric Psychiatry Team. Also conduct diagnostic/intake services and disposition planning; provide individual, couple, and family psychotherapy services; perform Compensation and Pension psychological and neuropsychological evaluations; and supervise psychology trainees in the areas of geropsychology and neuropsychology.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

Professional Affiliations:

- International Neuropsychological Society
- American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (Affiliate member)

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Co-facilitator for year-long Neuropsychology Training Seminar.
- Guest lecturer for yearly Psychiatry Resident Geropsychiatry Survey Course.

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## **Katy Barrs, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Denver, Clinical Psychology, 8/2007
- Internship: The Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology, 2007

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

N/A

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Serve in the role of staff clinical psychologist on two separate treatment teams, the Severe and Persistent Mental Illness Team and the Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization (PPH) Team. Conduct short-term and long-term group, individual, and family therapy with veterans with severe mental illness and acute psychiatric and psychosocial problems. Conduct full-battery psychological assessments, intake evaluations, and compensation and pension evaluations. Serve as a short-term and long-term care coordinator for veterans with severe and chronic mental illness. Serve in the role of primary clinical supervisor for practicum students and predoctoral interns. Have special interests in group therapy, psychodynamic therapy and the use of performance-based assessment measures, such as the Rorschach. Lead a variety of intern seminars and trainings. Provide consultation services within two multidisciplinary treatment teams.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- American Group Psychotherapy Association
- American Psychological Association
- Minnesota Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
- Society for Personality Assessment
- U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Jenna Bemis, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Counseling Psychology, 2008
- Internship: Minneapolis VAMC, 2008

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

I am a Psychologist on Post-Traumatic Stress Recovery Team providing care to veterans living in rural areas through the telemedicine system. Duties include providing individual and couples interventions to adults who are suffering from negative effects of traumatic events, as well as conducting psychological assessments to clarify diagnostic, personality, and cognitive questions and to inform treatment. Special clinical interests include Cognitive Processing therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and Cognitive-Behavioral Conjoint Therapy for couples experiencing the effects of one or both members having PTSD.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- American Psychological Association
- Minnesota Psychological Association
- Minnesota Women in Psychology
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Howland, M., Bemis, J., Shallcross, S. L., Simpson, J. A., & Frazier, P. A. (2009, February) Still happy and together 3 months later? Capitalization, responsiveness and subsequent relationship status and quality. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Tampa, FL.

Shallcross, S. L., Bemis, J., Howland, M., Simpson, J. A., & Frazier, P. A. (2009, February). Avoidant attachment style and rejection sensitivity predict underestimation of partner responsiveness in capitalization interactions. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Tampa, FL.

Shallcross, S. L., Bemis, J., Frazier, P. A., & Simpson, J. A. (2008, March). Correlates of perceived responses to positive life event disclosures in romantic couples. Poster presented at the International Counseling Psychology Conference, Chicago, IL.

Bemis, J., Frazier, P. A., Goski, T., Weisberg, Y. J., & Simpson, J. A. (2007, August). Influencing adaptive relationship beliefs and promoting positive relationship outcomes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Bemis, Jenna. Clinical applications of behavioral psychology principles and human learning theories. Psy 4011: Applied Behavioral Psychology. Department of Psychology. May 2, 2005.

Bemis, Jenna. Topics in Positive Psychology: Resilience and stress-related growth. Psy 3960: Undergraduate Seminar in Psychology. Department of Psychology. March 8, 2005.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **John Billig, Ph.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology, 1993
- Internship: University of Minnesota Psychology Internship Consortium, 1993

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

University of Minnesota Department of Psychology, Clinical Assistant Professor, 1994-Present

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Supervise 18 psychologists; Manage interdisciplinary primary care-mental health integration team; provide full range of psychological assessment, intervention, and consultation.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Billig, J. P., Heideman, P., Olson, D., Meyers, L. L., & Skroch, B. A. (2009, August). Unique challenges and adaptations of primary care-mental health models. In L. K. Kearney (Chair), Primary care-mental health integration: Unique adaptations for consideration. Symposium at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Heideman, P., Olson, D., Billig, J. P., Skroch, B. A., & Meyers, L. L. (2009, August). Successes with implementation of primary care-mental health integration. In L. K. Kearney (Chair), Primary care-mental health integration: Unique adaptations for consideration. Symposium at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Meyers, L., Vrshek-Schallhorn, S., & Billig, J. (2008, August). Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)-Based Intervention for Chronic Pain in a Veteran Population. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Skroch, B., Billig, J., Olson, D., Meyers, L. & Thuras, P. (2008, August). Primary Care/Mental Health Integration: Improving Access and Satisfaction. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Billig, J. P. (2006, September). Cognitive-behavioral and mindfulness therapies for chronic pain. Presentation at Symposium on Neuropathic Pain: Mechanism, Evaluation, and Management, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

Billig, J. P. (2005, November). The empirical status of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction. Workshop presented at the Minnesota Psychological Association conference Bringing Eastern Wisdom and Practice to Life in Our Work: Applications for Us and Those We Serve, Plymouth, MN.

Billig, J. P., Cardaciotto, L., Dahl, J., Lundgren, T., & Walser, R. (2005, July). ACT and mindfulness. Workshop presented at the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA.

Chiros, C. E., Hoffman-Konn, L., & Billig, J. P. (2005, July). An ACT perspective on obesity treatment. Poster presented at the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA.



Billig, J. P., Landes, A. M., Farr, D. D., & Thuras, P. D. (2004, November). Symptom and function change in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Convention of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, New Orleans, LA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Erbes, C., Polusny, M. A., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004). Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment instruments. *Psychological Services*, 1(1), 31-39.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Melanie Blahnik, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Argosy University - Twin Cities, Clinical Psychology, September, 2004
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2003

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

psychological assessment and intervention, neuropsychological assessment in the inpatient and outpatient polytrauma programs

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Blahnik, M. & Sponheim, S. (March, 2003). Verbal memory processes in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree biological relatives. Poster session presented at the Sixth Biennial Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lundgren, S., Blahnik, M., Pape, T.L.B., Guernon, A., Williams, V., & Sigford, B. (June, 2005). Clinical implementation of the disorders of consciousness scales (DOCS). Poster session presented at the Second Annual American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN) Workshops & Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pape, T.L.B., Lundgren, S., Heinemann, A., Guernon, A., Hurder, A.G., Wang, J., Roth, H., Blahnik, M., & Williams, V. (March, 2006) Establishing a prognosis for functional outcomes during coma recovery. Poster session presented at the Second Annual Federal TBI Interagency Conference, Bethesda, Maryland.

Pape, T.; Lundgren, S.; Heinemann, A.; Guernon, A.; Giobbie-Hurder, A.; Wang, J.; Roth, H.; Blahnik, M.; Williams, V. (2006) Establishing a prognosis for functional outcome during coma recovery. American Speech Language Hearing Association National Conference, Poster 167, 1474. Page 129.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Blahnik, M. & McGuire, K. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (in press). In C.A. Noggle, R.S. Dean, & A.M. Horton (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Neuropsychological Disorders*. New York:Springer.

Pape, T.L.B., Lundgren, S., Heinemann, A.W., Guernon, A., Hurder, A.G., Wang, J., Roth, H., Blahnik, M., & Williams, V. (2006). Establishing a prognosis for functional outcome during coma recovery. *Brain Injury*, 20 (7), 743-758.

Pape, T.L.B., Tang, C., Guernon, A., Lundgren, S., Blahnik, M., Wei, Y., Quereubin, M., Zollman, F., & Soneru, I (2009). Predictive Value of the Disorders of Consciousness Scale (DOCS). *PM&R*, 1, 152-161.

Pape, T.L.B., Yongliang, W., Smith, B., Guernon, A., Tang, C., Lundgren, S., Picon, L., Blahnik, M., Kieffer, K., Schettler, S., Peterson, M., Patil, V., & Hoffmann, M. Predicting Autonomy with Expression One Year after Severe Brain Injury (manuscript submitted to *Archives of Physical*

Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2010).

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Measurement and Outcomes Post Severe Brain Injury, Co-Investigator, funded from 10/1/07-9/30/10,  
Total=\$881,500

**Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Melodie Broden, Ph.D.**

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### **Education**

- Loyola University Chicago, Counseling Psychology, 1999
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1998

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Counseling and Psychological Services, Saint Mary's University, Mpls.

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Conduct psychological and vocational assessments with veterans. Conduct career exploration and planning efforts with regard to education or direct employment. Advise veterans on available vocational and job search resources that may help inform their search.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Minnesota Psychological Association

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

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## **Christine Chiros, Ph.D.**

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### **Education**

- Bowling Green State University, Clinical Psychology, December 2007
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2005

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provide assessment and individual and/or group therapy in four Community Based Outpatient Clinics for veterans and their families dealing with mental health problems. As a member of the primary care/mental health integration team I also work directly with primary care doctors to support services provided to patients with MH problems in PC settings.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Chiros, C. E., Hoffman-Konn, L, & Billig, J. (2005). An ACT conceptualization of behaviors related to overweight and obesity. Poster presented at the 2nd annual ACT Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Chiros, C. E., Sayer, N. A., MacLennan, D., Clausen, S., Clothier, B., & Nugent, S. (2007). Challenges and Interventions for Combat Polytrauma: Implications for Nursing. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Sayer, N. A., Chiros, C. E., Sigford, B., Scott, S., Clothier, B., Picket, T., & Lew, H. L. (2008). Characteristics and rehabilitation outcomes among patients with blast and other injuries sustained during the Global War on Terror. Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 89, 163-170.

Sayer NA; Chiros,C; Scott,S; Haley,J.A.; Sigford,B.; Pickett,T; McGuire; Lew,H.; Clothier,B. (2007). Predictors of Functional Improvement during Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation among Combat-Injured Service Members. Poster presented at the 2007 Annual HSR&D National Meeting, Washington, DC.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

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## **Christie Clason, Ph.D.**

Staff Neuropsychologist

### **Education**

- Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, Clinical Psychology, 2004
- Internship: Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veteran's Hospital, Neuropsychology Track, 20

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Neuropsychological examination and consultation within the Department of Mental and Behavioral Health at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center for a range of neurobehavioral and medical disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, and traumatic brain injury among others; intern and post-doctoral mentorship and training in neuropsychology.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

Professional Affiliations:

- International Neuropsychological Society
- American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (Affiliate member)

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Clason, C., Hallam, B., Buckwalter, J. G., Brown, W. S. (2003). Regional callosal size: Visual construction and mental control in dementia. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 9 (2), 317.

Clason, C., Hopkins, R.O., Weaver, L.K., Keuning, A. Brown, W.S. (2004). Callosal damage in CO poisoning: Structural changes and cognitive correlates. *International Neuropsychological Society*, 10 (S1), 93.

Clason, C.L., Lee, G.P., Smith, J.R., Fountas, K., & Jenkins, P.D. (2005). Concurrent validity of fMRI and depth electrode stimulation to investigate emotion. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 19(2), 147-148.

Lee, G.P., Politsky, M.J., Murro, A.M., Clason, C.L., Wilson, J.A., and Joseph R. Smith. (2005). False recognition errors during Wada memory assessment are more frequent in patients with frontal lobe seizures. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 19 (4), 568.

Lee, G.P., Clason, C.L., Westerveld, M., Blackburn, L. B., Park, Y. D., Loring, D. W. (2005). Level of preoperative ability predicts postoperative memory decline in pediatric epilepsy surgery patients. *International Neuropsychology Society*, 11(S1), 125.

Clason, C. L., Lee, G. P., Loring, D. W. (2006) Do Subjective material-specific memory complaints predict objective material-specific memory performance in epilepsy surgery patients? *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 12(S1), 15.

Lee, G. P., Park, Y. D., Clason, C. L., Lee, K. (2006). Disparate views of health-related quality of life between adolescents with epilepsy and their parents. *Epilepsia*, 47 (S4), 111.

Clason, C. L., Lee, G. P., Murro, A. M., Politsky, J. P., & Smith, J. R. (2006). Do memory complaints predict objective memory performance among epilepsy surgery patients? *Epilepsia*,

47(S4), 94.

Lee, G.P., Smith, J.R., & Clason, C.L. (2007). Emotional neural networks as revealed by fMRI and electrical stimulation of implanted electrodes in the human brain. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 13(S2), 14.

C. Clason, R. Collins, K. McGuire, M. Blahnik (2008). Neuropsychological sequelae of concussion due to blast exposure. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 22(3), 394.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Lee, G. P., Clason, C. L. (2008). Epilepsy - Part I: Classification of seizure disorders and syndromes and neuropsychological impairment. In J. E. Morgan & J. H. Ricker (Eds.), *Textbook of Clinical Neuropsychology*. New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

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## **Susanne Cohen, Ph.D.**

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### **Education**

- University of Missouri-St. Louis, Clinical Psychology, 2002
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2000

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Cohen is a neuropsychologist within the Mental Health Patient Service Line. Her primary responsibilities are provision of inpatient and outpatient neuropsychological assessment for individuals with a variety of psychiatric, medical, and neurological illnesses. Specialty clinical and research interests include CVA, Multiple Sclerosis, Neuro-oncology, and quality of life in neurological disease and older adult populations. She provides psychology and neuropsychology services for the inpatient CVA rehabilitation team and neuropsychological assessment supervision to pre- and post-doctoral trainees. Dr. Cohen's primary theoretical orientation is Cognitive Behavioral in nature, with an emphasis on understanding behavior in a biopsychosocial context. She particularly enjoys working with neurologically compromised individuals and their families.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

International Neuropsychological Society- member

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Baird, A.D., Wickie, S., MacNeill, S. M., Smith, J. F., and Friedman, S. R (2006)  
Introducing Residents to Geroneuropsychology in One Day: An Enriched Curriculum. Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment, 2(1) 101-104.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

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## **Rose Collins, Ph.D.**

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### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Counseling Psychology, 2003
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1995

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Rehabilitation psychologist serving individuals and families in inpatient and outpatient Polytrauma Rehabilitation Programs. Primary clinical focus includes traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Secretary of Veterans Affairs Certificate of Appreciation (2009)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Special Contribution Awards (2009, 2008, 2007, 2004, 2002)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Pride in Public Service Award (1996)
- First Place Poster Award, 3rd World Congress on Brain Injury, Quebec, Canada (1999)

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Vanderploeg, R., Belanger, H., & Collins, R. (August 16, 2008). Population Screening for TBI in Post-deployed OIF/OEF Veterans: A Double-Edged Sword. 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Collins, R. (July 22, 2008). Issues and Challenges in Treating Co-morbid TBI and PTSD. Continuing the Transformation of VA Mental Health Services: Bridging the Gaps Conference, Arlington, VA.

Collins, R. (April 25, 2008). Integrated, Collaborative Care for Mild TBI and Post-deployment Mental Health Issues. 11th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference, Dallas, TX.

Scholten, J. & Collins, R. (April 10, 2007). Invisible Wounds: Mild TBI and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. DoD-VHA Seamless Transitions Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Collins, R. (November 8, 2006). Treatment of the Combat Injured: Process, Challenges and Outcomes of Polytrauma Rehabilitation. Invited speaker, David Strauss Memorial Lecture, Brain Injury Association of America & American Association of Certified Brain Injury Specialists, Washington DC.

Parkinson, G., Helmick, K., Collins, R., Stevens, A., Zitnay, G., & Girard, P. (September 28, 2006). Traumatic Brain Injury Workshop and National Videotelecast, Department of the Army Community Based Health Care Organization (CBHCO), Hanscom Air Force Base, Concord, MA.

Boss, P. & Collins, R. (August 2, 2006). Helping Military and Veteran Families Manage the Stress of Ambiguous Loss from Traumatic Brain Injury. Veterans Health Administration Polytrauma System of Care Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Mansfield, G., Sigford, B., Pasquina, P., Collins, R., Gailey, R., MacLennan, D., Nitsche, J., Trinchier, R. (May 31, 2006) Serving Our Newest Generation of Veterans. National Satellite Broadcast, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System, Washington, DC.

Collins, R. (May 12, 2006). Traumatic Brain Injury and Polytrauma: Implications for Women Veterans Health Programs. National Women Veterans Health Program Conference, Orlando, FL.

Collins, R., Kusar, L., MacLennan, D., & Voydetich, D. (August 24, 2005). Polytrauma Rehabilitation: Process and Challenges. National Satellite Broadcast, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System, Salt Lake City, NV.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Collins, R.C. and Kennedy, M.C. (2008). Serving families who have served: Providing family therapy and support in interdisciplinary polytrauma rehabilitation. *Journal of Clinical Psychology: In Session*, 64(8), 993-1003.

Vanderploeg, R., Collins, R.C., Sigford, B., Date, E., Schwab, K., Warden, D., & the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center-Veterans Health Administration Study Planning Group. (2006). Practical and theoretical considerations in designing rehabilitation trials. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 21(2), 179-193.

Collins, R., Lanham, R.A., & Sigford, B.J. (2000). The reliability and validity of the Wisconsin HSS Quality of Life Inventory in traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 15(5), 1139-1148.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Co-Investigator & Site Principal Investigator (PI), Development of a Quality of Life Tool of Deployment-Related TBI, VHA Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D) Grant.

Co-Investigator, The Effects of Explosive Blast as Compared to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain Function and Structure, Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs Grant.

Co-Investigator & Site PI, Pain and Emotional Disorders in Veterans with and without Polytrauma, HSRD Grant.

Investigator, Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN

### **Other Professional Activities**

- State of Minnesota TBI Interagency Leadership Council
- Minnesota Department of Human Services TBI Advisory Committee
- Implementation & Dissemination Advisory Group, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Polytrauma & Blast-related Injury Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)
- Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*
- VHA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers Emerging Consciousness Program Strategic Planning Committee
- Minneapolis VAMC Polytrauma Strategic Planning Committee

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## **Kyle Curry, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Counseling Psychology, 2004
- Internship: Minneapolis VAMC, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Curry is a staff psychologist on the Posttraumatic Stress Recovery Team (PTSR). He is involved in individual and group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, anger management, and Seeking Safety. His primary theoretical orientation is cognitivebehavioral, with additional training and experience in Time-Limited Dynamic Psychotherapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and Cognitive Processing Therapy. He has been the site assessment technician for VA Cooperative Study #519: Integrating Practice Guidelines for Smoking Cessation into Mental Health Care for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. In addition, he is a Psychological First Aid (PFA) trainer for the Metro Hospital Compact behavioral health workgroup.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Member, American Psychological Association
- Member, APA Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology)
- Member, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
- VISN 23 Mental Health Team of the Year, 2008

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Curry, K. T., Leskela, J. A., Erbes, C. R., Pavlik, K. M., Polusny, M. A., & Gulden, A. M. (2007, August). Treatment Adherence, Premature Dropout, and Symptom Presentation in OEF/OIF Returnees. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Petska, K. S., Kattar, K. A., & Curry, K. T. (2007, August). Cognitive processing therapy. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Leskela, J. A., Curry, K. T., Erbes, C. R., Pavlik, K. M., & Polusny, M. A. (2006, November). Treatment Adherence Premature Dropout in OEF/OIF Returnees. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Curry, K. T., & Hanson, W. E. (2005, August). National survey of psychologists' test interpretation training and practice: A mixed methods study. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Hanson, W. E., Pawlowski, C. A., & Curry, K. T. (2005, August). Using clips from popular movies to teach "behavioral observation" skills. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Curry, K. T., & Hanson, W. E. (2004, July). Test interpretation feedback: A mixed methods study. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu

HI.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Erbes, C. R., Leskela, J., & Curry, K. T. (2009). Treatment presentation and adherence of Iraq/Afghanistan era veterans in outpatient care for posttraumatic stress disorder. *Psychological Services*, 6, 175-183.

Erbes, C. R., Polusny, M.A., Dieperink, M., Kattar, K., Leskela, J., & Curry, K. (2007). Care for returning service members: Providing mental health care for military service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Minnesota Psychologist*, 56, 5-8.

Curry, K. T. (2003). [Contributing Author]. In J. W. Collins & N. P. O'Brien (Eds.), *Oryx dictionary of education*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Psychology Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee
- Patient Safety Committee

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## **Amy Deloyski, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Indiana State University, Clinical Psychology, 8/9/07
- Internship: Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 2007

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

I serve as a core staffperson in the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP); a four week outpatient program for the treatment of substance use disorders. Within this program I facilitate cognitive-behavioral/relapse prevention group therapy, interpersonal process group therapy, conduct individual psychological evaluations, and screen potential participants. Within the Addictive Disorders Service (ADS) broader service, I also provide individual psychotherapy, conduct initial intake evaluations, and provide psychological consultation to the staff as needed.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Brian Engdahl, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Counseling Psychology, 1980
- Internship: Minneapolis VAMC, 1980

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Department of Psychology, Clinical Associate Professor 1982  
Brain Science Center Faculty Member, 2007

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Assessment and treatment of veterans with disabilities, including PTSD. Supervision of students and fellows. Work Therapy clinical supervisor, serving 90+ patients with severe employment handicaps.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Volunteer of the Year (2005) Friends School of Minnesota
- Special Contribution Award, Minneapolis VAMC (2010, 2007, 2002)
- Stan Sommers Award for Service to POWs. Awarded at the American Ex-POW Association national convention (1995)
- American Ex-Prisoners of War Citations for service to POWs (1989, 1990, 1993) state Departments of Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Governor's Commendation for service to victims of torture (1989)
- National finalist, Sam Rose Award for service to veterans (1982)

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

PTSD Neuroimaging: New Findings and Evolving Methodologies. Symposium presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) annual convention, Atlanta, 2009, Engdahl B, Chair

Combat veterans with active vs. remitted PTSD; A script-driven imagery study using positron emission tomography (PET). Pardo J, Fahnhorst S, Dikel T, Lee J, Kuskowski M, Hagen M, Eberly R, Engdahl B. Paper presented at the ISTSS annual convention, Atlanta, 2009

Altered neural interactions assessed by magnetoencephalography (MEG) in veterans with PTSD. Georgopoulos A, Tan H, Lewis S, Leuthold A, Winkowski A, Engdahl B. Paper presented at the ISTSS annual convention, Atlanta, 2009

The onset of post-war PTSD; contrasts in trauma severity and study design. Paper presented at the ISTSS annual convention, Chicago, 2008, Engdahl B, Erbes C, Winkowski A, Eberly R

Combat trauma, ethnicity, family functioning, and spirituality: Their impact on postwar outcomes. Symposium presented at the ISTSS annual convention, Baltimore, 2007, Engdahl B, Chair

From WWII to Iraq to the community: Interplay of resilience, spirituality and posttraumatic growth. Symposium presented at the ISTSS annual convention, Los Angeles, 2006, Engdahl B, Chair

Prediction of Posttraumatic Growth in Older Adults by Prayer and Religious Coping. Lauderdale S, Hefel J, Harris JI, Erbes C, Engdahl B & Olson R. Poster, annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, 2006

Consequences of Terrorism: Disseminating Knowledge Locally, Globally. Danieli Y, Galea S, Solomon Z, Jehel L, Engdahl B (Chair) Proceedings, ISTSS annual convention, , Toronto, 2005, (21, p.60, abstract # 139982)

Management of Neurobehavioral Syndromes after Traumatic Brain Injury. Felde A, Collins R, Engdahl B, Lundgren S, MacLennan D & Sigford B (September 4, 2003) National Satellite Broadcast, VA Employee Education System, St. Louis, MO

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Georgopoulos A, Tan H-R, Lewis S, Leuthold A, Winkowski A, Lynch J, Engdahl B (2010) The synchronous neural interactions test as a functional biomarker for post-traumatic stress disorder: A robust classification method based on the bootstrap. *Journal of Neural Engineering*, 7; 1-7.  
<http://iopscience.iop.org/1741-2552/7/1/016011>

Harris J, Thornton S, Engdahl B (2010) The psychospiritual impact of disaster: An overview. In Brenner G, Bush D & Moses J (eds) *Creating Spiritual and Psychological Resilience*. New York: Routledge.

Harris J, Erbes C, Engdahl B, Winkowski A, Olson R, McMahon J (2008) Christian religious functioning and trauma outcomes. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 64(1)17-29.

Erbes C, Westermeyer J, Engdahl B, Johnsen E, (2007) PTSD and service utilization in a sample of Iraq and Afghanistan returnees. *Military Medicine*, 172(4), 359-363.

Erbes C, Engdahl B, Dikel T, Eberly R, Page W (2006) A comparative study of PTSD assessment under standard conditions and in the field. *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research*, 15(2), 57-63.

Pardo J, Kuskowski M, Engdahl B, Eberly R, Hagen M, Dikel T (2006) Brain Imaging in Studying PTSD. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. 91:S20.

Erbes C, Johnsen E, Harris J, Dikel T, Eberly R, Engdahl B (2006) Posttraumatic growth among American POWs. *Traumatology*, 11(4), 285-295.

Dikel T, Engdahl B, Eberly R (2005). PTSD in former POWs: Prewar, wartime, and postwar factors. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 18, 69-77.

Engdahl B (2004) International findings on the impact of terrorism. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*, 9(1/2), 265-276

Danieli Y, Engdahl B, Schlenger W (2004) The psychosocial aftermath of terrorism. In: *Understanding Terrorism: Psychosocial Roots, Consequences, and Interventions*. Moghaddam F, Marsella A (Eds) Washington, DC: American Psychological Association Press (pp 223-246).

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

2007-2010: \$750,000 VA grant: Studies of Human Brain Functioning and PTSD. (Co-Principal Investigators: A Georgopoulos, B Engdahl)

2007-2009: \$67,215 Templeton Foundation grant a Prayer Skills Training intervention among veterans with PTSD (PI: J Harris, Co-I's: B Engdahl & C Erbes)

2006-2008: \$299,000 VA Compensated Work Therapy Polytrauma Enhancement (B Engdahl, R Collins & J Harris)

2005-2008: \$98,000 Templeton Foundation grant to study Spirituality and Coping with Trauma (PI:

J Harris, Co-I's: B Engdahl & C Erbes)

2004-2009: \$150,000 from private foundations for OIF/OEF Returnee research

1991-2005: \$50,000 from private foundations for POW research

### **Other Professional Activities**

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota 1982-2010

Faculty member, Brain Sciences Center, Minneapolis VAMC, 2007-2010

Member: U of Minnesota Heart Campaign Advisory Committee, 2009-2010

Member and vice-chair, VA and Neighborhood Child Care Center School Board, 2005-2010

Member: MVAMC Mental Health Service Line Research Advisory Committee, 2003-08

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# **Christopher Erbes, Ph.D.**

Program Manager

## **Education**

- Texas Tech University, Clinical Psychology Psychology, 2000
- Internship: Memphis VA Medical Center, 2000

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Medical School Department of Psychiatry, 2005 - present

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

30% time manage PTSR team, 20% clinical care (individual and couple therapy), 50% research

## **Honors and Recognitions**

- American Psychological Association (Member, 1997-2000, 2001 to present)
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (Member, 2001 to present)

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

1. Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Erickson, D., Kehle, S., Ferrier-Auerbach, A., & Polusny, M. A. (November, 2009). Hardiness: Beyond Positive and Negative Emotionality? Presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
2. Meis, L., Erbes, C. R., Polusny, M. A., & Compton, J. (November, 2009). Couple functioning and PTSD symptom clusters in National Guard veterans of the Iraq War. Presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
3. Reddy, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Polusny, M. A., & Compton, J. (November, 2009). Experiential avoidance and communication patterns in OIF veteran couple functioning. Presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
4. Kattar, K., Erbes, C. R., & Thuras, P. (November, 2009). Examining change in cognitions for Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). Presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
5. Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., & Campbell, R. (August, 2009). Prospective Risk and Resilience Factors Associated with PTSD Symptoms in National Guard Soldiers Deployed to Iraq. Paper presented at the Military Health Research Forum, Kansas City, MO.
6. Meis, L. A., Erbes, C. R., & Polusny, M. A. (February, 2009). Dyadic adjustment and PTSD symptoms among OIF veterans: Symptom clusters and pre to post-deployment functioning. Paper presented at the 27th VA Health Services Research and Development National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
7. Kehle, S. M., Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., & Murdoch, M. (February, 2009). Rates and Predictors of Mental Health Treatment Seeking among Iraq War National Guard Soldiers. Paper presented at the 27th VA Health Services Research and Development National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

8. Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Kehle, S., Erickson, D., Murdoch, M., Rath, M., & Courage, C. (November, 2008). Mental Health Risk and Resilience in OIF Deployment National Guard Soldiers: Prospective Predictors. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Chicago, IL.
9. Engdahl, B., Erbes, C.R., Winskowski, A.M., & Eberly, R. (November, 2008). The onset of post-war PTSD; contrasts in trauma severity and study design. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Chicago, IL.
10. Kehle, S. M., Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., & Murdoch, M. (November, 2008). Determinants of Early Mental Health Treatment Seeking Among a Cohort of Iraq War National Guard Soldiers. Poster presented at the 42nd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, FL.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

1. Erbes, C.R., Curry, K., & Leskela, J. (2009) Treatment presentation and adherence of Iraq/Afghanistan era veterans in outpatient care for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. *Psychological Services*, 6, 175-183.
2. Ferrier-Auerbach, A., Kehle, S.M., Erbes, C.R., Arbisi, P.A., Thuras,P., & Polusny, M.A. (2009). Predictors of alcohol use prior to deployment in National Guard soldiers. *Addictive Behaviors*, 34, 625-631.
3. Ferrier-Auerbach, A., Erbes, C.R., & Polusny, M.A. (2009). Does trauma survey research cause more distress than other types of survey research? *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 22, 320-323.
4. Erbes, C.R., Polusny, M.A., Dieperink, M., Leskela, J., Nelson, G., & Seifert, A (2009). Alcohol abuse in a Department of Veterans Affairs PTSD clinical treatment program: Examining identification and intervention. *Federal Practitioner*, 26(8), 32-36.
5. Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R., Arbisi, P.A., Thuras, P., Kehle, S., Rath, M., Courage, C., Reddy, M., & Duffy, C. (2009). Impact of prior OEF/OIF combat duty on mental health in a pre-deployment cohort of National Guard Soldiers. *Military Medicine*, 174, 1-6.
6. Erbes, C R., Polusny, M. A., MacDermid, S., & Compton, J. S. (2008). Couple therapy with combat veterans and their partners. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 64, 972-983.
7. Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., & Engdahl, B.E. (2008). Christian religious functioning and trauma outcomes. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 64, 17-29.
8. Erbes, C.R., Westermeyer, J., Engdahl, B., & Johnsen, E. (2007). PTSD and service utilization in a sample of service members from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Military Medicine*, 172, 359-363.
9. Erbes, C.R., Dikel, T.N., Eberly, R.E., Page, W.F., & Engdahl, B.E. (2006). A comparative study of posttraumatic stress disorder assessment under standard conditions and in the field. *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research*, 15(2), 57-63.
10. Dieperink, M.E., Erbes, C.R., Leskela, J., Kaloupek, D., Farrar, M.K., Fisher, L., & Wolf, E. (2005). Comparison of treatment for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder among three Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Centers. *Military Medicine*, 170, 305-308.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

2009-2010 Erbes, C. R. (PI). Moving Narrative Ideas Into Practice: Preliminary Study of a Trauma Manual. Shine a Light Narrative Research Fund. \$25,563

2008-2009 Erbes, C.R. (PI) Polusny, M.A., Arbisi, P.A., Harris, J.I., & Thuras, P. Impact of Psychiatric Diagnoses and Injury on Vocational Outcomes in OIF Veterans. VA Health Science Research & Development Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI; RRP 08-385), \$75,000

2008 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), Kehle, S., Nelson, N., & Thuras, P. Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers, Rapid Response Protocol, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Science, Research, and Development, \$75,000.

2007-2008 Erbes, C.R. (PI) & Polusny, M.A. (co-PI). Couple relationships in returning OIF/OEF veterans, Lilly Endowments Inc., \$99,876.

2007-2011 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Erbes, C.R. (Co-PI), Arbisi, P.A., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF National Guard Troops, Department of Defense (W81XWH-07-2-0033), \$787,176.

2007-2008 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Readiness and Resilience in National Guard Soldiers (RINGS) Interview Project, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, \$84,000.

2007-2008 Arbisi, P. A. (PI), Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I). Validation of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (MMPI-2 RF) in National Guard Soldiers Recently Returned from Service in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), University of Minnesota Press, \$27,209.

2007-2008 Arbisi, P.A., (PI), Sponheim, S., Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), & Thuras, P. Genetic and Biochemical Factors Associated with Risk and Resilience in Returning Iraq Veterans, Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, Investigator Grants Program, \$20,000.

2007 – 2008 Harris, J. I. (PI), Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), & Engdahl, B., Religiosity and Coping with Trauma: Longitudinal Relationships, Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, \$20,000.

2004 – 2008 J. I. Harris (PI), Erbes, C.R (Co-I), Engdahl, B., & Kroll, J., Religiosity, Trauma, & Physical Health Outcomes: Bridging the Gap among Disciplines, Templeton Foundation (11320), \$167,000.

2006-2007 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), & Thuras, D., National Guard Service Personnel Predeployment Study, Minnesota Medical Foundation (3662-9227-06), \$12,000; Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, \$5,000 in Research Service supplemental funds.

2005 – 2007 Erbes, C.R. (PI), & Leskela, J., Quality Of Life, Subjective Improvement, and Treatment Satisfaction in Combat-Related PTSD, Minnesota Medical Foundation (3615-9224-06), \$12,900.

## **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Dixie Grace, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- SUNY at Buffalo, Clinical Psychology, 1976
- Internship: Buffalo Veterans Admin. Hospital, 1975

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provide outpatient psychotherapy to patients with depression, anxiety, PTSD, or health issues, with a special focus on work with patients with chronic pain. Provide group psychotherapy and educational presentations on chronic pain issues. Provide biofeedback and hypnosis as adjunct treatments. Provide psychological assessment.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

Instructor, Minnesota Society for Clinical Hypnosis Annual Workshops

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## **Hildi Hagedorn, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Maryland Baltimore County, Clinical Psychology, 2000
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1999

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota Medical School, 2004

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Implementation Research Coordinator for the VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative's Substance Use Disorders Center.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- AcademyHealth, Member 2005-present

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Hagedorn HJ (2009, August). Contingency management/motivational incentives as adjunctive care for substance use disorders. Workshop presented at the VA Implementing the Handbook on Uniform Mental Health Services: Empirically-Based Treatment for Substance Use Disorders Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Hagedorn HJ, Noorbaloochi S, Rimmale C, Kivlahan D (2009, July). Effectiveness of a contingency management intervention for veterans with substance use disorders. Paper presented at the VA National Mental Health Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Henry S, Cargill V, Justice A, Wright S, Zickmund S, Hagedorn HJ, Anaya H (2008, December). Addressing health disparities: Treatment challenges and collaborative opportunities to improve care for veterans with HIV/AIDS and hepatitis. Workshop presented at the QUERI National Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Hagedorn HJ, Leighton T, Heim LA (in press). Assessment of a hepatitis educational group for veterans with substance use disorders. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*.

Hagedorn HJ, Rettmann NA, Dieperink EW, Durfee J, Aql B (2010). Antibody response to hepatitis B vaccine in substance use disorders patients. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 107, 39-43.

Hagedorn HJ, Dieperink E, Dingmann D, Durfee J, Ho SB, Isenhardt C, Rettmann N, Willenbring M (2007). Integrating hepatitis prevention services into a substance use disorders clinic. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 32(4), 391-398.

Stetler CB, Legro MW, Rycroft-Malone J, Bowman C, Curran G, Guihan M, Hagedorn HJ, Pineros S, Wallace CM (2006). Role of "external facilitation" in implementation of research findings: A qualitative evaluation of facilitation experiences in the Veterans Health Administration. *Implementation Science*, 1(23).

Hagedorn HJ, Hogan M, Smith J, Bowman C, Curran G, Espadas D, Kimmel D, Kochevar L, Legro M, Sales A (2006). Lessons learned about implementing research evidence into clinical practice: Experiences from the VA QUERI. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 21, S21-24.

Stetler CB, Legro MW, Wallace CM, Bowman C, Guihan M, Hagedorn HJ, Kimmel B, Sharp ND, Smith JL (2006). The role of formative evaluation in implementation research and the QUERI experience. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 21, S1-8.

Willenbring ML, Postier AC, Kenny M, Hagedorn HJ (2005). Innovative approaches to measuring outcomes and providing feedback: The Opioid Agonist Therapy Effectiveness (OpiATE) Initiative. *Journal of Maintenance in the Addictions*, 3(1), 13-31.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

2009-2010 Co-Investigator, The Brief Addictions Monitor in the VA Substance Abuse Treatment System. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative Rapid Response Project, \$100,000.

2009-2010 Co-Investigator, Barriers and Supports for Alcohol Use Disorders Pharmacotherapy. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative Rapid Response Project, \$100,000.

2009-2014 Consultant, Pacific Coast Research Center for Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies 2. National Institute on Drug Abuse, \$2,245,340.

2009-2010 Co-Principal Investigator, Implementation of Nurse-Based Rapid HIV Testing in VA Substance Use Disorders Clinics. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative Rapid Response Project, \$100,000.

2008-2011 Co-Investigator, Telephone Care Coordination for Smokers in Mental Health Clinics. VA Health Services Research & Development, \$1,180,254.

2006-2010 Principal Investigator, Effectiveness of Contingency Management in VA Addictions Treatment. VA Health Services Research & Development, \$898,604.

2006-2009 Co-Investigator, HIV Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions (HITIDES). VA Health Services Research & Development, \$881,467.

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Scientific Review Board Member, VA Health Services Research & Development
- Ad hoc reviews for: *Addiction*, *The American Journal of Managed Care*, *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, *Implementation Science*, *Journal of Clinical and Consulting Psychology*

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## **Jeanette Harris, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist/Local Recovery Coordinator

### **Education**

- Texas Tech University, Counseling Psychology, 8/1/2008
- Internship: Austin State Hospital, 2001

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Counseling Psychology, 2004
- Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry, 2006

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Supervision and training of peer support providers, individual and group psychotherapies, research and program evaluation, staff education and program development in recovery oriented mental health care.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

"2007 VAMC Minneapolis Performance Award for contribution to request for proposals for Polytrauma Enhancement for Veterans Industries"

"2005 VAMC Minneapolis Performance Award for services to Veterans Industries"

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B.E., Ogden, H., Olson, R.H.A., Matas, S., and Campion, K. (2008). Spiritual functioning and coping with trauma: A longitudinal study. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B., Olson, R., Winkowski, A.M., Kroll, J., Willis, R., & Kattar, K. (2006, November). The Role of Prayer in Trauma and Resilience. Presented at the annual convention of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Erbes, C.R., Harris, J.I., Winkowski, A.M., Olson, R.H.A., & Engdahl, B.E. (2006, November) Social support, posttraumatic cognition, and resilience in OEF/OIF returnees and a community sample. Paper presented at the national meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B., Olson, R., Winkowski, A.M., Kroll, J. & Willis, R. (2006, August) Religious beliefs and practices as predictors of adjustment to trauma. Presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Harris, J.I., Schoneman, S.W. & Carrera, S. (2005). Preferred prayer styles and anxiety control. *Journal of Religion and Health*, 44. 403-412.

Harris, J.I., Winkowski, A.M. & Engdahl, B.E. (2007). Types of workplace social support in the prediction of job satisfaction. *Career Development Quarterly*, 56, 150-156.

Harris, J. I., Cook, S.W. & Kashubeck-West, S. (2008). Christian religious variables relevant to internalized homophobia and sexual identity development. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental*

Health, 12, 205-226.

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B.E., Olson, R.H.A., Winkowski, A.M., & McMahon, J. (2008). Christian religious functioning and trauma outcomes. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 64, 17-29.

Harris, J.I., Thornton, S. & Engdahl, B.E. (2010). The psychospiritual impact of disaster: An overview. In G.H. Brenner, D.H. Bush, and J. Moses (eds.) *Creating Spiritual and Psychological Resilience* (pp.83-96. New York: Routledge

Harris, J.I. Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B.E., Tedeschi, R.G., Olson R.H.A., Winkowski, A.M. & McMahon, J. (2010). Coping functions of prayer and posttraumatic growth. *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 20, 26-38.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

"March 2007-March 2008 Principal Investigator, " Religiosity and Coping with Trauma: Longitudinal Relationships." Research funded by the Minnesota Veterans Research Institute.

"March 2005- Nov. 2008 Principal Investigator, "Religiosity, Trauma, and Health: Bridging the Gaps among Disciplines." Research funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

"July 2008-July 2010 Co-Principal Investigator, "Animal Assisted Therapy as an Adjunct to Group Interventions for Veterans in Outpatient Psychiatric Care" Funded by the Center for the Study of Human-Animal Relationships and Environments."

"Nov. 2008-April 2009 Co-Investigator." Impact of Psychiatric Diagnoses and Injury on Vocational Outcomes in OIF Veterans." VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project"

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Bridget Hegeman, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Montana, Clinical Psychology, 2002
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2000

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Instructor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota, 2004

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Assigned to the Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) team; responsibilities are to provide psychological services to multidisciplinary team, including individual, family, and group therapy, diagnostic and neuropsychological assessment, coordination of patient services, and consultation to other team providers. Emphasis is on providing mental health recovery-based services and implementing evidence-based practices for serious mental illness.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

VACO-Certified Master Trainer for Social Skills Training for Serious Mental Illness  
VACO-Certified Practitioner for Social Skills Training for Serious Mental Illness  
Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner (CPRP) through the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Certification Program of the U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA)  
US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, member since June 2007  
American Psychological Association, member since Fall 1994

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Rodgers, M. & Hegeman, B. (August, 2009). Evaluation of cognitive-behavioral social skills training on recovery. Poster presented at the 2009 American Psychological Association 117th Convention. Toronto, Ontario.

Van Meerten, N., Harris, J., Nienow, T., Hegeman, B., Sherburne, A., Winskowski, A., & Sponheim, S. (August, 2009). Cost effectiveness of psychosocial rehabilitation at a VA medical center. Poster presented at the 2009 American Psychological Association 117th Convention. Toronto, Ontario.

Hegeman, B. & Rodgers, M. (June, 2009). Implementing cognitive behavioral social skills training in an outpatient setting. Workshop presentation at the 2009 United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association 34th Annual Conference. Norfolk, VA.

Hegeman, B & Maloney, M. (2008). Recovery-Oriented Services: Cognitive Behavioral Social Skills Training. Presented at the 2008 United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association - Department of Veteran Affairs Innovation Fair, Chicago, IL.

Haut, K.M., Johnson, M.K., Hegeman, B.M., Goghari, V.M., & McDonald III, A.W. (2005). Cognitive remediation and changes in prefrontal cortical function in schizophrenia. Poster session presented at the 2005 International Congress on Schizophrenia Research conference in Savannah, GA.

Haut, K.M., Johnson, M.K., Hegeman, B.M., Goghari, V.M., & McDonald III, A.W. (2005). Cognitive remediation and changes in prefrontal cortical functioning in schizophrenia: A pilot fMRI report. Poster session presented at the 2005 Society for Neuroscience annual conference in

Washington, D.C.

Caliguiri, M. P., Lohr, J.B., Dean, C., Sponheim, S. & Hegeman, B. (2005). Motor abnormalities in family members of patients with schizophrenia. Poster session presented at the 10th International Congress on Schizophrenia Research in Savannah, GA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Treatment Program Grant for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23, "New Evidence-Based Specialized Treatment Program for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness", \$1,630,824. B.M. Hegeman, Co-Principal Investigator. June 2005 to May 2008.

Treatment Program Grant for Minneapolis VA Medical Center, "Implementing Evidence-Based Specialized Treatment Program For Veterans with Serious Mental Illness: Illness Management and Recovery." B.M. Hegeman, Co-Principal Investigator. \$228,452 per year, guaranteed FY 2006-2007, with option for FY 2008.

### **Other Professional Activities**

United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA) - Minnesota Chapter - Board Member  
At Large (pending election)

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## **Craig Helbok, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- West Virginia University, Counseling Psychology, 2004
- Internship: VA Medical Center Pittsburgh, PA, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

University of Minnesota Medical School appointed 2009

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Helbok serves as a staff clinical psychologist for the integrated Primary Care-Mental Health team. His role on this team is to assist primary care providers in managing the overall health of the primary care population by improving recognition, treatment, and management of mental health problems within this population, as well as identifying lifestyle behaviors that may affect health outcomes. Specific duties include immediate triage, focused evaluation, and behavioral treatment of mental health problems, as well as immediate consultation to primary care providers on the management of these problems within the primary care setting. In addition, Dr. Helbok conducts evaluations for transplant candidates (liver, kidney, bone marrow, and lung), gastric bypass surgery candidates, and impotence evaluations. Dr. Helbok provides assessment and therapy for chronic pain patients, and consultation with weight management programs. Specialty areas include health psychology, chronic pain and chronic disease management, eating disorders, anxiety disorders, vocational rehabilitation, and he is a licensed addictions counselor (LADAC). Theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral with an interest in psychodynamic theory and practice, and a long-standing interest in mindfulness, meditation, and other mind/body practices.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

Nominee for national outstanding graduate student in counseling psychology.  
Paper published as part of student competition on papers in ethics (2003)

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Helbok, C.M. (2008). Psychological approaches to ophthalmic pain management. *Clinical and Surgical Ophthalmology*, 26(5), 1.

Helbok, C.M., Marinelli, R.P., and Walls, R.T. (2006). A national survey of psychological practices across rural and urban communities. *Professional Psychology: Research & Practice*, 37(1), 36-44.

Sloan, D.M., Mizes, J.S., Helbok, C.M., & Muck, R. (2004). Efficacy of sertraline for bulimia nervosa. *International Journal of Eating Disorders*, 36(1) 48-54.

Helbok, C.M. (2003). The practice of psychology in rural communities: Potential ethical dilemmas. *Ethics & Behavior*, 13(4), 367-384.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Lutz Hess, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Long Island University (Brooklyn), Clinical Psychology, 05/16/2002
- Internship: Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY, 2002

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

As the psychologist on the Home-Based Primary Care Team, Dr. Hess delivers psychological services to Veterans and their caregivers in their homes. These services include assessments for cognitive impairment and psychiatric symptoms, diagnosis and treatment planning, focused psychotherapy (mostly time-limited) for patient and caregivers, family/couples therapy, health psychology interventions, and psychoeducation.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Member, American Psychological Association
- Fulbright Scholarship (1994/95, University of Miami)

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Billig, J. & Hess, L.M. (2010). Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Workshop at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. (Two-day workshop on March 1 & 2, 2010)

Hess, L.M. (2009). Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT) in Home and Community Care. Presentation in HCC Staff Education at the Minneapolis VAMC (10/13/09)

Hess, L.M. (2009). Mood Disorders in a Medical Foster Home Setting. Presentation to the national VA Medical Foster Home coordinators. (conference call on 6/25/09)

Hess, L.M. (2009). Caregiver Stress in a Medical Foster Home Setting. Presentation to the national VA Medical Foster Home coordinators. (conference call on 4/16/09)

Billig, J. & Hess, L.M. (2009). Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Workshop at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. (Two-day workshop on March 24 & 25, 2009)

Hess, L.M. (2008). Addressing Caregiver Stress in Home and Community Care  
- The REACH VA Program -. Presentation in HCC Staff Education at the Minneapolis VAMC (12/9/08)

Hess, L.M. (2008). Professional Boundaries in Home and Community Care. Presentation in HCC Staff Education at the Minneapolis VAMC (6/24/08)

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

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## **Lisa Hoffman-Konn, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Arizona, Clinical Psychology, 2005
- Internship: Minneapolis VAMC Prime (Health) Track, 2005

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Hoffman-Konn coordinates a psychosocial rehabilitation program for veterans with serious mental illness.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

Member, APA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

May 2010, VISN23 Mental Health Conference: Panel discussion on development of PRRCs

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Co-investigator, study of Animal Assisted Therapy as an Adjunct to Group Interventions for Veterans in Outpatient Psychiatric Care.

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Abby Howard, Ph.D.**

Rehabilitation Psychologist

### **Education**

- Michigan State University, Counseling Psychology, 2006
- Internship: Battle Creek VAMC, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Howard is a staff psychologist on the Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Team at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Her primary responsibilities include neuropsychological and psychological assessment of patients with TBI, as well as the provision of psychoeducational and psychotherapeutic interventions to patients with TBI in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Her work also involves provision of TBI-related psychoeducation to family members. Her theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral. Her research interests lie in the areas of psychological adjustment, and community reintegration following TBI, SCI, and polytrauma, and assessment of neuropsychological impairments in individuals with neurological and psychiatric disorders.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

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# **Carl Isenhardt, Psy.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- University of Denver, Clinical Psychology, 1984
- Internship: VA Medical Center, 1984

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

- Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota College of Medicine, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Adjunct University Associate Professor, Counseling and Psychological Services, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Staff Psychologist, Psychiatry Partial Hospitalization Program

## **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Isenhardt, C.E. (2008, July). Implementation of motivational interviewing (MI) into clinical practice: Goals, challenges, and strategies. Seminar presented at the VHA National Mental Health Conference, Washington, DC.

Isenhardt, C.E., Silversmith, D., Schumacher, S., Moore, J.P., & Thuras, P. (2008, August). Client engagement in treatment as a function of program structure. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

## **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Isenhardt, C.E. (2005). Motivational Interviewing. In R. J. Craig (Ed.). Clinical and diagnostic interviewing. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson.

Isenhardt, C.E. (2005). Review of the Pearson-Marr Archetype Indicator. The 16th Mental Measurements Yearbook. Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements.

Isenhardt, C.E. (2005). Review of the Conflict Analysis Battery. The 16th Mental Measurements Yearbook. Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M.A., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004). Developing and Applying a Systematic Process for Evaluation of Clinical Outcome Assessment Instruments. Psychological Services, 1, 31-39.

Hagedorn, H., Dieperink, E., Dingmann, D., Durfee, J., Isenhardt, C., Rettmann, N., & Willenbring, M. (2007). Integrating hepatitis prevention services into a substance use disorder clinic. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 32 (4), 391-398.

## **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Co-Investigator, CSR&D VA Merit Review Research Project entitled: "Motivating Chronic Hepatitis C to Reduce Alcohol Use." Study Objectives: Motivating Chronic Hepatitis C Patients to Reduce

Alcohol Use is a two-site (Minneapolis and Portland VAMCs), randomized clinical trial evaluating the efficacy of Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET) versus a control health education condition on alcohol use in patients with chronic hepatitis C. Specifically, the primary objective of the study is to determine the efficacy of MET in reducing alcohol use in a population of HCV-infected veterans who are currently drinking alcohol and have alcohol use disorders. Principle Investigator: Eric Dieperink, MD, Psychiatrist, Minneapolis VAMC.

Co-Investigator, CSR & D VA Service Merit Review Proposal entitled: "Efficacy & Safety of Baclofen to Reduce Alcohol Use in Veterans with HCV." (This project received a high evaluation score by the CSR& D and the PI was encouraged to re-submit the proposal).

Study Objectives: The primary objective is to determine the efficacy of baclofen in reducing alcohol use in a sample of HCV-infected veterans who are currently drinking alcohol and have alcohol use disorders. Secondary objectives include determining whether baclofen reduces alcohol rumination (craving); whether reduction in alcohol use reduces hepatitis C viral titers; whether a change in self-reported alcohol use is associated with changes in percent Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin (%CDT) and Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG) levels; the safety of baclofen in reducing alcohol use in a sample of HCV-infected veterans who are currently drinking alcohol and have alcohol use disorders; and whether baclofen affects non-alcohol behaviors such as adherence to hepatitis clinic appointments and initiation of antiviral treatment. Principal Investigator: Peter Hauser, M.D.

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Past/Charter member of the local Psychology Professional Standards Board
- Reviewer for Div 18 APA proposals (Boston, 2008; Toronto, 2009; and San Diego, 2010).
- Charter Member of Minnesota Network of Motivational Interviewing Trainers
- Member, International Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers
- Program Development Committee, St. Mary's University of Minnesota
- Board Member, Prairielands Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Iowa City)

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## **Erica Johnsen, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Iowa, Clinical Psychology, 2004
- Internship: Minneapolis VA psychology internship, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Staff psychologist in the Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders (SCI/D) Center. The populations served includes individuals with spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and ALS, as well as caregivers. Duties include psychological and neuropsychological assessment, individual and group psychotherapeutic interventions, participation in interdisciplinary team meetings, staff consultation, program development, and supervision of trainees who would like spinal cord injury experience as part of a rehabilitation psychology/polytrauma rotation.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Member of American Psychological Association Division 22 Rehabilitation Psychology
- Member of Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Johnsen, E. (2008, August). A discussion of how to talk with important people in your life about brain injury. Brain Injury Association of Minnesota Consumer and Family Conference.

Johnsen, E. (2007, September). Music in brain injury rehabilitation. Bethesda Hospital Eighth Annual Managing Challenging Situations in Brain Injury Care Conference.

Johnsen, E., Winkowski, A.M., Kennedy, M., & Engdahl, B. (2005, November). Family functioning and adjustment among returnees with and without brain injury. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

Weinrib, A., Rothrock, N., Johnsen, E., Anderson, B., Sorosky, J., & Lutgendorf, S. (2005, March). Stress-related benefit finding in cancer patients and community residents. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

Etzel, J.A., Johnsen, E.L., Dickerson, J.A., & Adolphs, R. (2004, October). A program to accurately identify peaks in respiration and EKG signals for use in psychophysiological research. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research.

Johnsen, E., Tranel, D., Etzel, J., Lutgendorf, S., & Adolphs, R. (2003, November). Emotional responses to music following amygdala damage. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Johnsen, E., Bellman, S.B., Bunde, J., Rothrock, N., Lemos, K., & Martin, R. (2003, March). Women are less likely than men to attribute their myocardial infarctions to behavioral factors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**



Johnsen, E.L., Tranel, D., Lutgendorf, S., & Adolphs, R. (2009). A neuroanatomical dissociation for emotion induced by music. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, 72, 24-33.

Erbes, C., Westermeyer, J., Engdahl, B., & Johnsen, E. (2007). Post-traumatic stress disorder and service utilization in a sample of service members from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Military Medicine*, 172, 359-363.

Gosselin, N., Peretz, I., Johnsen, E., & Adolphs, R. (2007). Amygdala damage impairs emotion recognition from music. *Neuropsychologia*, 45, 236-244.

Weinrib, A.Z., Rothrock, N.E., Johnsen, E.L., & Lutgendorf, S.K. (2006). The assessment and validity of stress-related growth in a community-based sample. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 74, 851-858.

Etzel, J.A., Johnsen, E.L., Dickerson, J., Tranel, D., & Adolphs, R. (2006). Cardiovascular and respiratory responses during musical mood induction. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, 61, 57-69.

Erbes, C., Eberly, R., Dikel, T., Johnsen, E., Harris, I., & Engdahl, B. (2005). Posttraumatic growth among American former Prisoners of War. *Traumatology*, 11, 285-295.

Martin, R., Johnsen, E.L., Bunde, J., Bellman, S.B., Rothrock, N.E., Weinrib, A., & Lemos, K. (2005). Gender differences in patients' attributions for myocardial infarction: Implications for adaptive health behaviors. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 12, 39-45.

Johnsen, E.L. (2004). Self-monitoring. In A.J. Christensen, R. Martin, & J.M. Smyth (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Health Psychology*. New York: Plenum/Kluwer.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Maureen Kennedy, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University Of St. Thomas, Counseling Psychology, 2005
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2005

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Kennedy is a rehabilitation psychologist in the Polytrauma Clinic. Her primary responsibilities involve individual, couple and family psychotherapy with individuals who have experienced multiple injuries including traumatic brain injury and other comorbid disorders. She also provides consultation services to the interdisciplinary rehabilitation teams and contributes to program development in the Polytrauma Clinic. Although her primary orientation in psychotherapy conceptualization is psychodynamic she integrates cognitive behavioral interventions within the context of the rehabilitation environment. She has a strong interest in adjustment and resilience as well as family roles in the rehabilitation process and uses an integrated approach responding to the diversity of individuals and rehabilitation needs in this clinic. She is also trained in the provision of Prolonged Exposure (PE) Therapy for the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder, a common comorbid diagnosis in the polytrauma patient population.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Kennedy, M. (November, 2009) Solution focused therapy. Instructional lecture of doctoral level therapy class at University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Professional Psychology, Minneapolis, MN.

Kennedy, M. (October, 2008) Psychological adjustment to disability. VA VISN 23 Polytrauma Physical Therapy Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Kennedy, M. (June, 2008) Family centered care within polytrauma rehabilitation. VA National Polytrauma Conference, San Diego, CA.

Kennedy, M. (March, 2006) Impact of adult traumatic brain injury on family dynamics and functioning. VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Kennedy, M., Benning, S., Chiros, C., Eberly, R & Engdahl, B. (November, 2005) Adjustment and post-traumatic growth among Iraq returnees: Personality, coping and resilience. Poster presentation, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Kennedy, M. (November, 2005) Adjustment and post traumatic growth among Iraq returnees: Personality, coping and resilience. VA Medical Center Grand Rounds, Minneapolis, MN.

Kennedy, M. (June, 2005) Brain injury, adjustment and psychotherapy: One hero's story. VA Medical Center Grand Rounds, Minneapolis, MN.

Kennedy, M. (March, 2005) Adjustment to disability: Theory, research and application in the

practice of psychology. Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Kennedy, M. (March, 2005) A historical differential diagnostic assignment: Teasing apart the threads of psychosis. VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

**Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Collins, R. & Kennedy, M. (2008). Serving families who have served: Providing family therapy and support in interdisciplinary polytrauma rehabilitation. Journal of Clinical Psychology.

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

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## **Lindsay King, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Eastern Michigan University, Clinical Psychology, 2008
- Internship: Hennepin County Medical Center, 2008

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provide evidence-based trauma-focused therapy (Cognitive Processing Therapy, Prolonged Exposure, Seeking Safety) to rural veterans via telemedicine.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

Member of the American Psychological Association and Minnesota Psychological Association

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

King, L. (January, 2009). Clinical issues in polytrauma rehabilitation psychology. Presentation at Psychiatry Grand Rounds, University of Minnesota.

Boyd, C. J., Young, A. M., King, L., McCabe, S. E. (November, 2007). Nonmedical use of prescription stimulant and pain medications among adolescents. Symposium presentation at the 54th annual meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Boston, MA.

King, L. T. & Saules, K. K. (August, 2005). Weight concerns, perfectionism, and cognitive style: Which carries more “weight” in the prediction of smoking among college women? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

King, L., Saules, K. K., & Irish, J. (2007). Weight concerns perfectionism, and cognitive style: Which carries more “weight” in the prediction of smoking among college women? *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 9, 535-543.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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# **Christie King, Ph.D.**

Graduate Psychologist

## **Education**

- Indiana University, Clinical Psychology, 1999
- Internship: Minneapolis VAMC, 1996

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Rehabilitation psychology services in the Spinal Cord Injury/Disease Center

## **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

## **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

## **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

## **Other Professional Activities**

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## **Molly Kodl, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Illinois, Chicago, Clinical Psychology, 2000
- Internship: Rush University Medical Center, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

St. Olaf College, Asst. Professor of Psychology (adjunct), 2007

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Kodl is a staff clinical psychologist on the Mental Health Intake/ACC Team. She provides assessment and psychotherapy to patients on an individual or couples basis. Although Dr. Kodl's primary theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral, she has special interests in mindfulness-based techniques as well as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Joseph, A.M., Fu, S.S., Lindgren, B., Rothman, A., Friedemann-Sanchez, G., Griffin, J., Kodl, M., & Lando, H. (submitted for presentation). Beneficial effects of tobacco longitudinal care for cessation: A randomized controlled trial. Submitted for a poster presentation at the 16th annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Baltimore, MA.

Hennrikus, D., Joseph, A., Hirsch, A.T., Lando, H.A., Duvall, S., Kodl, M., & Ukestad, L. (2009). Smoking cessation in peripheral artery disease patients. Presented as a poster at the 32nd Annual Society of General Internal Medicine, Miami Beach, FL.

Hennrikus, D., Joseph, A.M., Hirsch, A.T., Lando, H.A., Duvall, S., Ukestad, L., & Kodl, M. (2009). Smoking cessation in peripheral artery disease patients. Presented as a poster at the 15th annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Saggart Co., Dublin, Ireland.

Joseph, A.M., Fu, S.S., Lindgren, B.R., Kodl, M.M., Lando, H.A., Rothman, A.J., Friedemann-Sanchez, G., & Griffin, J.M. (2008). Relationships between employment characteristics, job stress, and smoking cessation. Presented as a poster at the 14th annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Portland, Oregon.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Kodl, M.M., Fu, S.S., Willenbring, M.L., Gravely, A., Nelson, D.B., & Joseph, A.M. (2008). The impact of depressive symptoms on alcohol consumption and cigarette consumption following treatment for alcohol and nicotine dependence. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 32, 92-99

Fu, S.S., Kodl, M.M., Joseph, A.M., Hatsukami, D.K., Johnson, E.O., & Breslau, N., Wu, B., & Bierut, L. (2008). Racial/Ethnic disparities in the use of nicotine replacement therapy and quit ratios in lifetime smokers ages 25 to 44 years. *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*, 17, 1640-1647.

Fu, S.S., Kodl, M.M., Willenbring, M., Nelson, D.B., Nugent, S., Gravely, A.A., & Joseph, A.M. (2008). Ethnic differences in alcohol treatment outcomes and the effect of concurrent smoking

cessation treatment. Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 92, 61-68.

Kodl, M.M., Fu, S.S., & Joseph, A.M. (2006). The timing of treatment for habitual smoking and alcohol dependence. Alcohol, Research & Health, 29, 203-207.

Kodl, M., Lee, J.L., Matthews, A.K., Cummings, S., & Olopade, O.I. (2006). Correlates of depressive symptoms among women seeking cancer genetic counseling and risk assessment at a high risk cancer clinic. Journal of Genetic Counseling, 15, 267-276.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Jennie Leskela, Ph.D.**

Chief Psychologist

### **Education**

- Michigan State University, Counseling Psychology, 1996
- Internship: Minneapolis Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1996

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota 2005  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1998

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Responsible for delivery of psychological services across the Primary Care, Mental Health, Specialty Care, and Extended Care and Rehabilitation Patient Service Lines, along with dependent CBOC's. This includes direct or indirect administrative and professional supervision for a current staff of 56 doctoral level psychologists, 6 master level psychologists, and 12 pre and post doctoral level trainees. Provides couple and family therapy and individual psychotherapy. Director for the Family Therapy Training Clinic and Co-facilitator for the Psychology Doctoral Internship Research Seminar, and supervisor.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

2009 Department of Veterans Affairs Special Contribution Award (Serving as VISN 23 PTSD Mentor for the National Center for PTSD)  
2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 CSP 519 Site Investigator Award  
2006 VAMC Participation in the Governor's Conference for Returning OIF/OEF Veterans Award  
2005, 2006 VAMC Team Performance Award  
2005, 2006 CSP 519 Certificates of Achievement, CSPCC, Palo Alto, California  
2005, 2007, 2008 CSP 519 Site Investigator Award  
2004 PTSR Program Coordinator and Family Therapy Training Clinic Teacher VAMC Award

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Leskela, J., & Naseem, A. (July, 2009). Discussion of ways forward. PTSD Mentoring Program Pre-Meeting, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System and Office of Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

Leskela, J., Delamatre, J., & Thuiere, D. (January, 2009). Streamlining access, improving quality and efficiency to specialty services in mental health. Mental Health Access Collaborative LS3, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System and The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Leskela, J., & Dieperink, M.E. (December, 2008). Integrating smoking cessation into mental health care, Workshop for Minneapolis Department of Veterans Affairs Community Outpatient Based Clinics, Duluth, Minnesota.

Leskela, J. (September, 2008). Transforming care for returning veterans, VISN 23 OEF/OIF, PTSD, Polytrauma Conference, PTSD VISN 23 Program Discussant, Omaha, Nebraska.

Schohn, M., & Leskela, J. (April, 2008). Advanced clinical access: A strategy for implementing VACO directive for rapid access (24/14), Mentoring for PTSD Program Directors Pre-Conference and Conference, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee and Education System and The Office of

Mental Health Services, San Antonio, Texas.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Erbes, C.R., Curry, K.T., & Leskela, J. (2009). Treatment presentation and adherence of Iraq/Afghanistan era veterans in outpatient care for posttraumatic stress disorder, *Psychological Services*, 6, 175-183.

Erbes, C.R., Polusny, M.A., Dieperink, M., Leskela, J., Nelson, G., & Seifert, A. (2009). Alcohol abuse in a Department of Veterans Affairs PTSD clinical treatment program: Examining identification and intervention. *Federal Practitioner*, 26, 32-36.

Dieperink, E., Leskela, J., Dieperink, M.E., Evans, B., Thuras, P., & Ho, S.B. (2008). The effect of Pegylated Interferon- $\alpha$ -2b and Ribavirin on posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms. *Psychosomatics*, 4, 225-229.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M.A., Dieperink, M., Kattar, K., Leskela, J., & Curry, K. (2007). Providing mental health care for military service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Minnesota Psychologist*, 56(6), 5-8.

Dieperink, E., Leskela, J., Dieperink, M.E., Evans, B., Thuras, P. & Ho, S.B. (April, 2006). The Effect of Pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin on posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms in veterans, *Gastroenterology*, 130, A843.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Co-Site Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, estimated budget: up to \$14,000. Genetic tissue banking for VA Cooperative Study # 519 secondary study

Site Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, estimated budget: up to \$1,043,833. Integrating practice guidelines for smoking cessation into mental health care for posttraumatic stress disorder, VA Cooperative Study # 519.

Co-Investigator, Minnesota Medical Foundation, University of Minnesota, funded \$12,900, Quality of life, subjective improvement, and treatment satisfaction in combat-related PTSD.

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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# **Sandra Lundgren, Ph.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- State University of New York at Buffalo, Cognitive Psychology Psychology, 1973
- Internship: Health Psychology, 1978

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Psychology  
University of Minnesota

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Clinical Neuropsychology Services Coordinator  
Special Psychological Service Team Program Manager  
Supervisory Psychologist  
Clinical Neuropsychologist

## **Honors and Recognitions**

- Member American Psychological Association
- Member Minnesota Psychological Association
- Member International Neuropsychological Society
- The Association of VA Psychologist Leaders-Professional Service Award:2003

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Pape, T. L.-B., Heinemann, A., Kelly, J., Hurder, A., and Lundgren, S. (2005). Predicting the recovery of consciousness after severe traumatic brain injury. Northwestern University Research Day poster.

Pape, T. L.-B., Lundgren, S., Heinemann, A., Guernon, A., Giobbie-Hurder, A., Wang, J., Roth, H., Blahnik, M., and Williams, V. (2006) Establishing a prognosis for functional outcomes during coma recovery. 2nd Fede Intraagency Conference.

## **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Pape, T.L.-B., Heinemann, A.W., Kelly, J.P., Hurder, A.G., and Lundgren, S. (2005). A measure of neurobehavioral functioning after coma. Part I: Theory, reliability, and validity of the Disorders of Consciousness Scale. *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, 42, 1-18.

Lundgren, S., Blahnik, M., Pape, T. L. B., Guernon, A., Williams, V., and Sigford, B. (2005). Clinical implementation of the Disorders of Consciousness Scale (DOCS). *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 19, 152. (Published abstract)

Pape, T. L.-B., Lundgren, S., Heinemann, A., Guernon, A., Hurder, A., Wang, J., Roth, H., Blahnik, M., and Williams, V. (2006). Establishing a prognosis for functional outcome during coma recovery. *Brain Injury*, 20, 155-174.

Pape, T. L.-B., Tang, C., Guernon, A., Lundgren, S., Blahnik, M., Yongliang, W., Querubin, M., Zollman, F., and Soneru, I. (2009). Predictive value of the Disorders of Consciousness Scale (DOCS). *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 1, 152-161.

## **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Measurement and Outcomes Post Severe Brain Injury, Co-Principal Investigator, funded from 10/1/07-9/30/10, Total=\$881,500

### **Other Professional Activities**

Current Teaching Activities

-Neuropsychology Seminar

-Neuropsychology intern mentor (2009-2010)

-Neuropsychology intern training rotation (winter trimester 2009-2010)

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# **Kathryn McGuire, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology, January 2000
- Internship: University of Washington School of Medicine, 1997

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Neuropsychological and psychological assessment of mild, moderate, and severe TBI, as well as TBI-related supportive counseling and education.

## **Honors and Recognitions**

- American Psychological Association (APA), Division 40
- International Neuropsychological Society (INS)

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Hoelzle, J.B., Nelson, N.W., McGuire, K.A., Ferrier-Auerbach, A., Charlesworth, M., & Sponheim, S.R. (February, 2010). Secondary gain context impacts neuropsychological performances among OEF/OIF

veterans with histories of blast-related concussion (mTBI). Poster, Annual Conference of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS), Acapulco, Mexico.

Nelson, N.W., Hoelzle, J.B., McGuire, K.A., Ferrier-Auerbach, A., Charlesworth, M., & Sponheim, S.R. (February, 2010). Blast-related concussion (mTBI): Preliminary neuropsychological findings. Poster, Annual Conference of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS), Acapulco, Mexico.

Yutsis, M., Clason, C., Burcusa, S., Armstrong, M., & McGuire, K. (June, 2009). Blast-related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: An Examination of Psychological Variables on Cognitive Performance. Poster, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology's 7th Annual Conference & Workshops, San Diego, California.

## **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Blahnik, M. & McGuire, K.A. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (in press). In C.A. Noggle, R.S. Dean, & A.M. Horton (Eds.). The Encyclopedia of Neuropsychological Disorders. New York: Springer.

Vuchetich, J.P., Liska, J.L., Dionisio, D.P., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A., & Sponheim, S.R. (2008). Elevated nailfold plexus visibility aggregates in families and is associated with a specific negative symptom pattern in schizophrenia. *Psychiatry Research*, 160, 30-37.

Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A., & Stanwyck, J.J. (2006). Neural anomalies during sustained attention in first-degree relatives of schizophrenia patients. *Biological Psychiatry*, 60, 242-252.

Sponheim, S.R., Steele, V.R., & McGuire, K.A. (2004). Verbal memory processes in schizophrenia patients and biological relatives of schizophrenia patients: Intact implicit memory, impaired explicit recollection. *Schizophrenia Research*, 71, 339-348.

## **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Co-investigator, The Effects of Blast As Compared to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain Function and Structure.

Budget: \$1,352,107 (2008 - 2012)

Funding Source: Department of Defense (DoD)

Principal Investigator: S.R. Sponheim

Co-Investigator, Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Budget: \$20,000 (2008 – 2010)

Funding Source: Minnesota Veterans Research Institute

Principal Investigator: N. Nelson

Principal Investigator, Components of Memory and Attentional Dysfunction in Traumatic Brain Injury.

Budget: \$20,000 (2006 – 2008)

Funding Source: Minnesota Veterans Research Institute

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **John Merladet, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Counseling Psychology, 2000
- Internship: Mt. School of Medicine, Elmhurst Hospital Center, 2000

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

- Psycho-diagnostic services in the polytrauma vocational rehabilitation.
- Provide range of rehabilitation interventions to polytrauma and TBI patients.
- Provide vocationally oriented assessment.
- Provide group therapy and support Polytrauma and TBI patients in community reintegration.
- Consult to rehab center staff as assist in setting appropriate and realistic vocational rehabilitation expectations regarding inpatients and outpatients.
- Coordinate rehabilitation services with occupational therapy and vocational rehab specialists.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

- Merladet, J. (2010, 2009). Vocational Interventions with TBI/PTSD Veterans. Veterans, Employment and Training Service: US Department of Labor, Minneapolis, MN.
- Merladet, J. (2010). Vocational Assessment , Theory of Work Adjustment and Cognitive Impairment, TBI Grandrounds, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.
- Merladet, J. (2009). Introduction to Biofeedback. VA Medical Center: Residency Training Program in Psychical Medicine, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.
- Merladet, J. (2009). Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy in a Residential Vocational Rehabilitation Setting. TBI Grandrounds, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.
- Merladet, J. and Acord, D. (2009). Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy in an SCI population to promote motivation to return to work, Spinal Cord Injury Center, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.
- Merladet, J. (2009). Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy in a Vocational Rehabilitation Setting. Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Yearly Training, Minneapolis, MN.
- Merladet, J. (2005, October). Understanding Memory Disorders. Presentation provided to S.A.G.E. – Queens’ members on aspects of memory loss and tips on managing forgetfulness.
- Merladet, J. & Campbell, H. (2004, September). Introduction to Biofeedback and Neurofeedback. Presentation provided to North General Hospital, N.Y., Psychiatry Department regarding history, theoretical background, and applicability of biofeedback.
- Merladet, J. (2002, October). Biofeedback and Psychological Testing. Presentation of the



uses of psychological testing as a biofeedback practitioner. Provided to the meeting of the New York State Society of Biofeedback, Long Island Chapter.

Antelis, S & Merladet, J. (2002, May). Biofeedback and Self Regulation in the Treatment of Trauma. Co-presentation to Guardian of the Sick: Project for Holocaust Survivors on the application of biofeedback tools in the treatment for trauma.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Demographic, Cognitive and Academic Factors that Predict Graduation for Learning Disabled College Students, Doctoral Dissertation, University of Minnesota, 2000.

McCarthy, Sundby, Merladet, & Luxenberg (1997). Identifying Attendance Correlates for a Teen and Young Adult Parenting Program, Family Relations, 46.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

### **Other Professional Activities**

Involved in longitudinal study exploring how motivational interviewing can be used as in intervention in reducing alcohol consumption in a hepatitis C population.

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# **Laura Meyers, PhD, ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- University of South Carolina, Clinical Psychology, 8/06
- Internship: Bay Pines VA Health Care System, 2006

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Staff psychologist on PC/MH integration team. Provides triage, assessment, and psychotherapy to patients in the primary care clinics and provides consultation and in-service training to mental health and medical staff.

Specialty areas include trauma-related disorders (i.e., sexual and combat), health psychology (e.g., chronic pain, weight management, sleep), couples' therapy, and Axis II disorders.

Co-leads the Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) program. Provides individual, group, and 24/7 phone coaching to DBT patients.

Evidence Based Coordinator - serves as advocate for evidence-based therapies (i.e., CPT, PE, ACT, SST, and CBT) as part of the national roll out initiative. Works with Central Office to promote therapies and provide access to training for staff and services for veterans.

## **Honors and Recognitions**

ABPP certified

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Meyers, L. & VanEgeren, L. (2010, February). 2-day DBT workshop for Black Hills VA mental health providers at Rapid City Vet Center, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Meyers, L. & Dahl, D. (2009, September). Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills workshop. Training day and 6-month didactic seminar and group supervision at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Meyers, L. (2009, June). Introduction to DBT. Presentation for case managers in the Health Care for Homeless Veterans program at the Minneapolis VA, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. (2009, September). Introduction to Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Invited lecture for graduate level contemporary psychotherapy class, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. L. (2008, August). Effectiveness of an Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)-based Intervention in the Treatment of Chronic Pain. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, Massachusetts.

Skroch, B. A., Billig, J. B., Olson, D. J., & Meyers, L. L. (2008, August). Mental Health/Primary Care Integration: Improving Access and Satisfaction. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, Massachusetts.

Meyers, L. (2007, September). Use of imagery with polytrauma patients. National polytrauma nurses convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. (2007, September). Living with chronic pain: An Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) approach. Chronic Pain Day presentation at the Minneapolis VA, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

NA

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# **Nathaniel Nelson, Ph.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, Clinical Psychology, 2004
- Internship: Rush University Medical Center, 2004

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Nelson's clinical activities include neuropsychological evaluation of outpatients and inpatients presenting with various medical conditions associated with underlying brain involvement, such as traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, brain tumors, movement disorders, and demyelinating conditions. Neuropsychological evaluations also include assessment of psychological conditions that often contribute to cognitive dysfunction, such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, and chronic mental illness (e.g., bipolar disorder, schizophrenia).

## **Honors and Recognitions**

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Hoelzle, J. B., Nelson, N. W., & Smith, C. A. (2009, June). The WAIS-IV: Justified elimination of VIQ and PIQ? Poster session presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, San Diego, CA. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

Hoelzle, J. B., Nelson, N. W., & Smith, C. A. (2009, June). Exploratory factor analysis of the WMS-IV: Continued inconsistency between Index scores and factor structure. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, San Diego, CA. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

Nelson, N. W., Hoelzle, J. B., Sweet, J. J., Arbisi, P. A., & Demakis, G. J. (2009, June). Updated Meta-Analysis of the MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale: Verified Utility in Forensic Practice. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, San Diego, CA. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

Hoelzle, J. B., Nelson, N. W., McGuire, K. A., Sponheim, S. R., Ferrier-Auerbach, A. G., & Charlesworth, M. J. (2010, February). Secondary gain context impacts neuropsychological performances among OEF/OIF veterans with histories of blast-related concussion (mTBI). Poster session presented at the annual conference of the International Neuropsychological Society, Acapulco, Mexico. Abstract to be published online in the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*.

Nelson, N. W., Hoelzle, J. B., McGuire, K. A., Sponheim, S. R., Ferrier-Auerbach, A. G., & Charlesworth, M. J. (2010, February). Blast-Related Concussion (mTBI): Preliminary neuropsychological findings. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the International Neuropsychological Society, Acapulco, Mexico. Abstract to be published online in the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*.

Arbisi, P.A., Nelson, N. W., Hoelzle, J.B., & Strom, T. (2010, March). The Ability of the MMPI-2 RF to Identify Implausible PTSD Claims in Veterans Populations. Paper presented to the Society for

Personality Assessment Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.

Hoelzle, J. B., Arbisi, P. A., Nelson, N. W., & Meyer, G. J. (2010, March). Exploratory factor analysis of the MMPI-2 Symptom Validity Scale. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Jose, CA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Nelson, N. W., Boone, K., Dueck, A., Wagener, L., Lu, P., & Grills, C. (2003). Relationships between eight measures of suspect effort. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 17, 263-272.

Malina, A. C., Nelson, N. W., & Sweet, J. J. (2005). Framing the relationships in forensic neuropsychology: Ethical issues. *Journal of Forensic Neuropsychology*, 4, 21-44.

Nelson, N. W., Parsons, T. D., Grote, C. L., Smith, C. A., & Sisung, J. (2006). The MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale: Concordance and specificity of true and estimated scores. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 28, 1-12.

Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., & Demakis, G. (2006). Meta-analysis of the MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale: Utility in forensic practice. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 20, 39-58.

Sweet, J. J., Nelson, N. W., & Moberg, P. (2006). The Clinical Neuropsychologist & American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology 2005 "Salary Survey": Professional practices, beliefs, and incomes of U.S. Neuropsychologists. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 20, 325-364.

Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., & Heilbronner, R. (2007). Examination of the new MMPI-2 Response Bias Scale (Gervais): Relationship with MMPI-2 validity scales. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 29, 67-72.

Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., Berry, D. T. R., Bryant, F. B., & Granacher, R. P. (2007). Response validity in forensic neuropsychology: Exploratory factor analytic evidence of distinct cognitive and psychological constructs. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 13, 440-449.

Smart, C., Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., Bryant, F., & Heilbronner, R. L. (2008). Identification of insufficient cognitive effort using the MMPI-2: An optimal classification tree analysis. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 14, 842-852.

Arbisi, P. A., Erbes, C. R., Polusny, M. A., & Nelson, N. W. (in press). The concurrent and incremental validity of the Trauma Symptom Inventory in women reporting histories of sexual maltreatment. *Assessment*.

Nelson, N. W., Hoelzle, J. B., Sweet, J. J., Arbisi, P. A., & Demakis, G. J. (in press). Updated meta-analysis of the MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale: Verified utility in forensic practice. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Arbisi, P. A. & Nelson, N. W. (Co-I). Examination of the Impact of Context on MMPI-2 Validity Scales in Compensation Seeking Veterans. University of Minnesota Press – Test Division, 6/01/08 to 6/01/10, \$6,500.

Arbisi, P. A., & Nelson, N. W. (Co-I). The Validity of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (RF) in Identifying the Development of Chronic Pain Conditions in Veterans of OEF/OIF. 6/01/09 - 6/01/11, \$21,000.

Nelson, N. W. (PI). Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Pilot Study Funding Awarded by Irving Gottesman, Ph.D. through the American Psychological Foundation. Time unlimited. 2,444.

Nelson, N. W. (PI), Sponheim, S., McGuire, K., Arbisi, P., & Polusny, M. Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations

Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI). 1/01/09 – 12/31/10. \$20,000.

Polusny, M. A., (PI), Arbisi, P. A., Erbes, C. R., Kehle, S., Nelson, N. (Co-I), Thuras, P. D., Collins, R., Sayer, N., Murdoch, M. Mild TBI/PTSD Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers. VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project, completed 12/31/08, \$75,000.

Yu, F. (PI), Nelson, N. W. (Co-I), Dysken, M., Wyman, J., Savik, K. Validating Clinical Measures of Executive Function in U.S. Veterans. University of Minnesota Academic Health Center Seed Grant. 1/01/09 – 12/31/10. \$25,000.

Yu, F. (PI), Dysken, M., Wyman, J., Savik, K, Nelson, N.W. (Consultant). Feasibility of Aerobic Activity in Alzheimer's Disease. American Health Assistance Foundation. \$150,000. 2009-2011.

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Invited reviewer of pre-doctoral student proposals for funding through the Associated Health Rehabilitation Research Pre-doctoral Fellowship Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Academic Affiliations (2008, 2009).
- Invited Ad Hoc Reviewer for Assessment; Cognitive Neuropsychiatry; Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society (JINS); Psychological Assessment; Psychological Injury & Law (PIL); The Clinical Neuropsychologist (TCN)
- Co-head section editor (with David T. R. Berry, Ph.D.) of Symptom Validity Testing/Malingering section. Psychological Injury and Law (2009 – present).
- Member, Editorial Board (2009-present), The Clinical Neuropsychologist.
- Consulting Editor (2010-present), Assessment.

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## **Tasha Nienow, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Kent State University, Clinical Psychology, 2004
- Internship: UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota Medical School, 2007

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Coordinate Family Psychoeducation Program  
Provide Multiple Family Group and Behavioral Family Therapy to couples and families with a veteran living with serious mental illness  
Co-facilitate family education groups for relatives and significant others of veterans  
Provide individual therapy and care coordination to individuals with psychotic and mood disorders  
Facilitate psychoeducational, support, and skills-training groups for individuals with serious mental illness

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Dissertation Research Award, Science Directorate of the American Psychological Association
- Lillian Friedman Award, Division of Research and Graduate Studies, Kent State University
- Member, American Psychological Association
- Member, Society for Research in Psychopathology
- Member, United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Nienow, T. M. & Hart, A. (2009, November). Family friendly services: Developing a continuum of care. Presented at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Minneapolis, MN.

Glynn, S., McCutcheon, S., Adkins, J., Dausch, B., & Nienow, T. (2009, July). Implementation of the Family Services Component of the Uniform Mental Health Services Package: Lessons from the Field. Workshop presented at the 3rd Annual VA Mental Health Conference, Washington D.C.

Nienow, T. M. & Hart, A. (2009, June). Intervening with the Family in the Treatment of Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder. Workshop presented at the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association 34th Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA.

Nienow, T. M. (2008, October). Cognitive rehabilitation: A novel intervention in the treatment of schizophrenia. Presented at the Third Biennial Schizophrenia Treatment Conference: Bridging Science to Clinical Care, Minneapolis, MN.

Nienow, T. M. (2008, September). Treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder: Intervening with the family. Presented at the Pre-Conference Institute on Earlier Treatment in Psychosis: Opportunity for Recovery and Prevention at the Minnesota Community Mental Health Conference, Duluth, MN.

Nienow, T. M., & Hart, A. (2008, February). Treatment of severe mental illness: Intervening with the family. Presented at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Minneapolis, MN.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Cohen, A. S., Nienow, T. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Docherty, N. M. (2009). Attribution bias in facial emotion perception: Relationship to symptoms and social functioning in schizophrenia. *Psychopathology*, 42, 40-46.

Nienow, T. M., Docherty, N. M., Cohen, A. S., & Dinzeo, T. J. (2006). Attentional dysfunction, social perception, and social competence: What is the nature of the relationship? *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 115, 408-417.

Subotnik, K. L., Nuechterlein, K. H., Green, M. F., Horan, W. P., Nienow, T. M., Ventura, J., & Nguyen, A. T. (2006). Neurocognitive and social cognitive correlates of formal thought disorder in patients with schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*, 85, 84-95.

Nienow, T. M., & Docherty, N. M. (2005). Internal source monitoring and communication disturbance in patients with schizophrenia. *Psychological Medicine*, 35, 1717-1726.

Nienow, T. M., & Docherty, N. M. (2004). Internal source monitoring and thought disorder in schizophrenia. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 192, 696-700.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Principal Investigator, Remediation of Working Memory in Schizophrenia, Rehabilitation Merit Award funded from the Department of Veterans Affairs, January 2010-December 2013.

Principal Investigator, Process and Outcome of Multiple Family Group Therapy for Patients with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder, awarded by Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, September 2008-September 2010.

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Grant Reviewer, VA Rehabilitation Merit Review
- Ad hoc Editorial Consultant
- VA Consultant and Trainer, Multiple Family Group Therapy

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## **Henry Ogden, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of St. Thomas, Counseling Psychology, May 2007
- Internship: University of St. Thomas , Personal Counseling and Testing Center, 2007

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Ogden is a Staff Psychologist for the Mental Health/Primary Care Integration team, providing psychological services to Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) in Maplewood (MN), Hibbing (MN), Rice Lake (WI), and Hayward (WI). His duties include conducting diagnostic assessments and neuropsychological screening evaluations, and providing psychotherapy to patients in the primary care clinics. Additionally, he provides consultation to mental health and medical staff.

His special clinical interests include treatment of chronic interpersonal difficulties, trauma-related disorders, and problems associated with emotion regulation. He works primarily from an Interpersonal Theoretical orientation and also has specialty training in Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT).

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Member, American Psychological Association
- Member, International Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress Studies

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Winskowski, A., Ogden, H., Harris, J., Erbes, C., Engdahl, B., Olson, R. (2006, June). Prayer and trauma among veteran and non-veteran survivors. Poster session presented at the annual VA Medical Center Research Day, Minneapolis, MN.

Ogden, H., Winskowski, A., Erbes, C., Harris, J., Engdahl, B., Kennedy, M. (2006, June). Support, disclosure and recovery in OEF/OIF returnees. Poster session presented at the annual VA Medical Center Research Day, Minneapolis, MN.

Ogden, H. (2007, May). Death anxiety, attitudes toward death, and defense mechanisms. Poster session presented at the 2007 Annual Convention for the Minnesota Psychological Association, Plymouth, MN

Harris, J., Ogden, H., Erbes, C., Engdahl, B., Winskowski, A. Olson, R. (2007, November). Religious beliefs and practices as predictors of adjustment to trauma. Paper presented at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress Studies, Baltimore, MD.

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B.E., Ogden, H., & Olson, R.H.A.. (2008, August). Spiritual Functioning and Coping with Trauma: A Longitudinal Study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Douglas Olson, Ph.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Counseling Psychology, August, 1987
- Internship: Psychology Internship, VA Medical Center, 1986

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, 1998 to Present  
Adjunct Professor, University of St. Thomas, 2005 to Present

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

I am a staff psychologist providing integrated mental health care in the primary care area of the VA Medical Center. I am co-located right in primary care for the entire working day.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- APA Fellowship application has been unanimously endorsed by Division 18 recently, and has been forwarded to the larger APA committee, so application is pending currently
- Served as Division 18 Program Chair for APA Convention in Boston 2008, and Co-Chair in 2007
- Board Certified in Counseling Psychology
- 15 Past Special Contribution Awards at Mpls VAMC
- 1999 Undersecretary for Health's Innovation Award (Anxiety Intervention Clinic)
- 2000 Innovation Award from VA Central Office (Alcohol Related Disease Clinic)
- Editorial Review Board for Psychological Services journal, began 1-1-10 to Present
- Past Editorial Review Board with Journal of Counseling Psychology 2001 to 2004

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

- Breyer, Kissner, and Olson, D. Extrapolating Common Factors to the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders. Poster Accepted for upcoming Aug 2010 APA Convention in San Diego
- Olson, D.H. Unique challenges and adaptations of primary care/mental health models. Symposium presented at 2009 APA Convention, Toronto, Canada
- Skroch, Billig, Olson, D., Meyers, & Thuras. Primary care/mental health integration: improving access and satisfaction. Poster presented at 2008 APA Convention, Boston, MA.
- Mylan, Olson, D., Isenhardt, Scholljegerdes, Finstuen, & Mangelsdorff. Psychology executive competencies: mentoring the next generation. Poster presented at 2007 APA Convention, San Francisco.
- Olson, D., Stinchfield, & Hanson. Problem and pathological gambling among college students. Poster presented at 2006 APA Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Olson, D., Hoffman-Konn, Hernson, Vye, Hartl, Perry, & Mylan. Modifying empirically supported CBT for anxiety to account for comorbidity. Poster presented at 2005 APA Convention.
- Olson, D. Baumann, Hicks, Vye, Hartl, Perry, & Heffernan. Addressing negative indicators in CBT for anxiety disorder treatment. Poster presented at 2004 APA Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Stinchfield, R., Hanson, W. E., & Olson, D. H. (2006). Problem and pathological gambling among college students. In G. S. McClellan, Hardy, & J. Caswell (Eds.), *Gambling on Campus: New Directions for Student Services* (No 113, pp. 63-72). San Francisco: Jossey Bass.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004) Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment. *Psychological Services*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 31-39.

Olson, D.H. [Contributing Author]. In J.W. Collins & N.P. O'Brien (Eds.), *The Greenwood Dictionary of Education* (2003). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Willenbring, M., Olson, D., Sonnier, E., Miller, M., Nelson, P., Lynch, J., (1991 to 9/96). Effectiveness of outpatient care for alcohol related disorders. \$259, 900, funded 5-year HSR&D grant.

Olson, D.H., Willenbring, M., & Lofgren (1989-1990). Effectiveness of an approach with heavy drinking medical outpatients. \$50,000, funded 2-year Research Advisory Grant.

Willenbring, M., Lofgren, R., Olson, D., Miller, M., Lathrop, L., & Lynch, J. (1989). A health education approach to heavy drinkers in the medical setting. \$31,000, funded 1-year Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation Grant.

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Teach course on Contemporary Psychotherapy at University of St.Thomas once yearly
- Train students, interns, and postdoctoral residents on CBT for anxiety through my anxiety interventions clinic at Mpls VA

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## **Julia Perry, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist and Team Coordinator (Mood Disorders Team)

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology, 1999
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center - Standard Track, 1999

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota (2004)  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota (2006)

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

- Psychological assessments, especially differential diagnosis evaluations and neuropsychological screening evaluations
- Individual psychotherapy, emphasizing cognitive-behavioral and mindfulness-based therapies
- Couples therapy
- Group therapy
- Consultative services

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Member, Association of VA Psychologist Leaders
- Member, Society for Personality Assessment

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Olson, D. H., Baumann, B. D., Hicks, T. V., Vye, C. S., Hartl, T. L., Perry, J. N., and Heffernan, L. B. (2004, July/August). Addressing negative treatment indicators in cognitive behavioral anxiety disorder treatments. Research presented at the 112th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.

Olson, D. H., Hoffman-Konn, L., Herndon, R. W., Vye, C. S., Hartl, T. L., Perry, J. N., & Mylan, M. M. (2005, August). Modifying empirically supported CBT for anxiety to account for comorbidity. Research presented at the 113th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Perry, J. N. (2006, March). Assessment-guided treatment planning: A case example. Poster presented at the 2006 Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Perry, J. N. (2007, September). Empathy and boundaries. Presented at the Department of Veterans Affairs National Polytrauma Nursing Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Perry, J. N. (2007, December). Empathy and boundaries. Presented at the Department of Veterans Affairs National Polytrauma Nursing Conference, Tampa, FL.

Perry, J. N., Dieperink, E. W., Thuras, P. D., Westermeyer, J. J., & Canive, J. (2005, February). The role of cultural affiliation in accessing mental health care among Native American veterans. Poster presented at the 2005 Health Services Research and Development Service National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Butcher, J. N., & Perry, J. N. (2008). Personality assessment in treatment planning. New York: Oxford.

Butcher, J. N., Perry, J. N., & Dean, B. L. (2009). Computer-based assessment. In J. N. Butcher (Ed.). Oxford Handbook of Personality Assessment (pp. 163-182). New York: Oxford University Press.

Butcher, J. N., Perry, J. N., & Hahn, J. (2004). Computers in Clinical Assessment: Historical developments, present status, and future challenges. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 60, 331-345.

Perry, J. N. (2009). Assessment of treatment resistance via questionnaire. In J. N. Butcher (Ed.). Oxford Handbook of Personality Assessment (pp. 667-683). New York: Oxford University Press.

Perry, J. N., & Butcher, J. N. (2004). The Butcher Treatment Planning Inventory (BTPI): An objective guide to treatment planning. In M. E. Maruish (Ed.) *The use of psychological testing for treatment planning and outcomes assessment: Instruments for adults* (3rd ed., pp. 589-601). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Perry, J. N., & Butcher, J. N. (2006). Butcher Treatment Planning Inventory. In J. H. Greenhaus & G. A. Callanan (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of career development*.

Perry, J. N., & Butcher, J. N. (2006). Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory - 2. In J. H. Greenhaus & G. A. Callanan (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of career development*.

Perry, J. N., Miller, K. B., & Klump, K. (2006). Treatment planning with the MMPI-2. In J.N. Butcher (Ed.) *MMPI-2: A handbook for practitioners* (pp. 143-164). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Chair, Psychology Multicultural and Diversity Committee
- Member, Clinical Pertinent Reviews Committee
- Boundaries consultant

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## **Kelly Petska, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Counseling Psychology, August 2006
- Internship: Carl T. Hayden VA in Phoenix, AZ, 2006

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Psychological evaluations, psychological testing, and psychotherapy for groups, individuals, and couples. Implement and facilitate Anger Management/Emotion Regulation, Coping Skills, Health & Wellness, and Social Skills groups in the PTRP. Create and implement program development for a new program and adapting the programming to fit the needs of the patient population.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Minnesota Women in Psychology
- Minnesota Psychological Association
- American Psychological Association
- VISN 23 Mental Health Team of the Year

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Petska, K. S. (2009, May) Treatment of Post-concussive Symptoms and Comorbid Mental Health Symptoms. Presentation given at the VISN 23 Mental Health Conference in Omaha, NE.

Petska, K. S. (2009, January) Work group leader and presenter for the PTRP Work Group. Presentation of work group findings given at the National Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center Leadership Conference in Palo Alto, CA.

Petska, K. S. (2009, January). Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program (PTRP): A Rehabilitation Psychologist's Perspective. Presentation given at Mental Health Grand Rounds at the Minneapolis VAMC in Minneapolis, MN.

Blahnik, M. & Petska, K. S. (2008, September). Comorbid TBI & PTSD: Assessment & Treatment Overview. Presented at the 9th Annual Brain Injury Conference. Managing Challenging Situations in Brain Injury Care: Getting Help with Your Most Difficult Patients. Minneapolis, MN.

Petska, K.S. (2008, May-present) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Other Trauma-Related Disorders. Standing presenter at the Polytrauma New Employee Orientation, offered quarterly. Minneapolis, MN.

Petska, K. S. (2006, December). Grand Rounds Presentation: Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for Combat Veterans: An Overview & Case Example. Presentation given at Mental Health Grand Rounds at the Minneapolis VAMC in Minneapolis, MN.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Petska, K. S. & MacLennan, D. L. (2009). The expert consultants: Our patients. In C. Straus (ed.) Hidden Battles on Unseen Fronts. Drexel Hill, PA: Casemate.

Hanson, W. E., Creswell, J.W. Plano Clark, V. L., Petska, K. S., & Creswell, J. D. (2005). Mixed Methods Research in Counseling Psychology. Journal of Counseling Psychology, 52(2), 224-235.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Melissa Polusny, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Nevada, Reno, Clinical Psychology, 1998
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical center, 1997

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

2002-2007, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota  
2007-Present, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provide evidence based assessment and treatment of PTSD; National Consultant and Trainer in Prolonged Exposure (PE) Therapy; provide clinical supervision of PE; research training and mentoring of psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows

### **Honors and Recognitions**

American Psychological Association, Division 18 (VA Section), Outstanding Researcher Award, 2008

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Selected 1 of 43 professional presentations of research findings at national scientific meetings in past 7 years:

Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Erickson, D., Murdoch, M., Rath, M., & Courage, C. (August, 2008). The Readiness and Resilience in National Guard Soldier Cohort Study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Selected 9 of 27 peer reviewed journal articles published in past 7 years:

Ferrier-Auerbach, A.G., Erbes, C. R., Polusny, M. A., Rath, M., & Sponheim, S. (in press). Predictors of emotional distress reported by soldiers in the combat zone. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*.

Arbisi, P. A., Erbes, C. R., Polusny, M.A., & Nelson, N. (in press). The concurrent and incremental validity of the Trauma Symptom Inventory in women reporting histories of sexual maltreatment. *Assessment*.

Carter-Visscher, R., Polusny, M. A., Murdoch, M., Thuras, P., Erbes, C. & Kehle, S. (2010). Gender differences in predeployment stressors and mental health among U.S. National Guard troops poised for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) deployment. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 23, 78-85.

Kehle, S. M., Polusny, M. A., Murdoch, M., Erbes, C., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., & Meis, L. (2010). Early mental health treatment seeking among U.S. National Guard soldiers deployed to Iraq. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 23, 33-40.

Ferrier-Auerbach, A.G., Kehle, S., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., & Polusny, M. A., (2009). Pre-deployment predictors of alcohol use in National Guard soldiers. *Addictive Behaviors*, 34, 625-631.

Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C. R., Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Kehle, S., Rath, M., Courage, C., Reddy, M.

K. & Duffy, C. (2009). Impact of prior OEF/OIF combat duty on mental health in a pre-deployment cohort of National Guard soldiers. *Military Medicine*, 174, 353-357.

Polusny, M. A., Dickinson, K., Murdoch, M., & Thuras, P. (2008). The role of cumulative sexual trauma and difficulties identifying feelings in understanding female veterans' physical health outcomes. *General Hospital Psychiatry*, 30, 162-170.

Polusny, M. A., Ries, B. J., Calhoun, P., Schultz, J., Clemenson, L., & Johnsen, I. R. (2008). PTSD symptom clusters associated with physical health and health care utilization in rural primary care patients exposed to natural disaster. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 21, 75-82.

Polusny, M. A., Rosenthal, M. Z., Aban, I., & Follette, V. M. (2004). Experiential avoidance as a mediator of the effects of adolescent sexual victimization on negative adult outcomes. *Violence and Victims*, 19, 109-120.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Selected 3 of 21 funded research grants in past 7 years:

2007-2011 Polusny, M.A. (PI), Erbes, C.R., Arbisi, P.A., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C. Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF National Guard Troops, Department of Defense (W81XWH-07-2-0033).

07/08-12/08 Polusny, M. A., (PI), Arbisi, P. A., Erbes, C. R., Kehle, S., Nelson, N., Thuras, P. D., Collins, R., Sayer, N., Murdoch, M. Mild TBI/PTSD Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers. VA HSR&D, Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project (08-252).

2010-2011 Kehle, S. M. (PI), Polusny, M.A. (Co-PI), Erbes, C.R., Nelson, N., Arbisi, P.A., Meis, L.A., & Thuras, P. Treatment preferences and barriers in OIF soldiers with mTBI and/or PTSD, VA HSR&D, Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project.

### **Other Professional Activities**

Liaison for Veterans Health Care, Minnesota Medical Association, 2008-Present

Member, Working Group, Biopsychosocial Approach to Warrior Reset, Sponsored by Department of Defense U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Military Operational Medicine Research Program, 2008

Appointed Member, Governor's Yellow Ribbon Task Force, Minnesota Psychological Association Representative, 2007

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## **Danielle Potokar, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Bowling Green State University, Clinical Psychology, 2008
- Internship: Minneapolis VAMC, 2007

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

As psychologist for Hospice and Palliative Care, I work as part of an interdisciplinary team to provide the best care for the terminally ill. This is done through consultation and direct treatment of inpatients on the 1D ward, medical wards, and MICU. Duties include providing psychotherapy and support to veterans (e.g. life review, guided imagery, mindfulness), providing psychotherapy and support for family members, and support and education for staff. In the near future, I hope to develop a debriefing program for staff after the loss of a veteran, caregiving and coping group for families as veteran transition into terminal stages of disease, and a bereavement group for loved ones.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Potokar D.N., Stein, C.H., Darrah, O.A., Taylor B.C., & Sponheim S.R. (2009, September). Knowledge and Attitudes about Mental Health Genomics: Narratives from Veterans with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness. Poster session presented at the 12th Annual Meeting of the National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics (NCHPEG), Bethesda, Maryland.

Sponheim S.R., Taylor B.C., Potokar D.N. (2008, September). Using Genomic Information in Recovery from Serious and Persistent Mental Illness. Poster session presented at the 11th Annual Meeting of the National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics (NCHPEG), Baltimore, Maryland.

Sponheim, S.R., Taylor, B.C. & Potokar, D.N. (2008, June). Genomics in Recovery from Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI). Poster session presented at the University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry Research Day at Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Potokar, D.N., Stein, C.H., & Hegeman, B.M. (2007, April). Living with serious mental illness: The role of personal loss in recovery and quality of life. Poster session presented at the University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry Research Day at Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Lawrence, J.A., Call, C. T., & Potokar, D. N. (2004, November). Use of the Wisconsin Card Sorting Test (WCST) to differentiate dementia from depression. Poster session presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Seattle, WA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Stein, C.H., Abraham, K.M., Bonar, E.E., McAuliffe, C.E., Fogo, W.R., Faigin, D.A., Abu Raiya, H. & Potokar, D.N. (2009). Making meaning from personal loss: Religious, benefit finding, and goal-oriented attributions. *Journal of Trauma and Loss*, 14, 83-100.

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Derek Prowe, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- George Washington University, Clinical Psychology, 2008
- Internship: Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VA Hospital, Bedford, MA, 2008

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Providing individual and group psychotherapy, mostly to veterans deployed in the last five years in as the Primary Care/Mental Health psychologist assigned to the Post-Deployment Clinic

### **Honors and Recognitions**

Member of American Group Psychotherapy Association

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

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## **Marianne Schumacher, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of North Dakota, Clinical Psychology, December 1993
- Internship: Human Services Inc, in Washington County, 1993

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Responsible for oversight of administrative responsibilities and program resources for the Psychiatric Partial Hospital (PPH) program at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Responsible for triaging referrals to the PPH program from multiple medical and mental health clinics within the Medical Center. Responsible for directing the activities of a 14 member multidisciplinary clinical team. Provide a full range of psychological services including mental health intake, treatment planning, psychotherapy interventions, psychological assessment, and case management to veterans on the PPH team. Psychotherapy interventions include individual, couple, family and group modalities. Supervise the Dialectical Behavioral therapy consultation team. Complete Compensation and Pension evaluations. Provide clinical supervision to APA Approved psychology doctoral interns and post-doctoral fellows. Participate in writing RFPs, including submission of RFP for Integration of Mental Health in Primary Care that was fully funded. Participate in Medical Center special projects in organizational development and conflict resolution when opportunities arise.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

#### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Harris, J. I., Schumacher, M., Engdahl, B., Colleran, C. (2008, August). Vocational Rehabilitation Interventions in a VA Partial Hospital Program. Poster presented at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Schumacher, M. (February, 2008). Minneapolis VAMC Partial Hospital Program Overview. Workshop presented at VISN 23 Local Recovery Coordinator's Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Schumacher, M. (February, 2008). Minneapolis VAMC DBT Program Overview. Workshop presented at VISN 23 Local Recovery Coordinator's Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Polusny, M.A., Leskela, J., Schumacher, M., Moore, R. (2006, September). Post-Traumatic Stress: Strategies for enhancing soldiers' resilience and recovery. Workshop presented at Governor Pawlenty's Military and Veterans Support Cabinet Summit for Returning Troops (Summit Title: Beyond the Yellow Ribbon). Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN.

#### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Khawaja, I.S., Dieperink, M.E., Schumacher, M. (2008). Which Patients for Partial Hospitalization? Current Psychiatry, April 2008 (Vol. 7, No. 4).

#### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

#### **Other Professional Activities**

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# **Wayne Siegel, Ph.D., ABPP**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- University of Iowa, Counseling Psychology, 1993
- Internship: Vanderbilt VA Consortium, 1993

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

Clinical Assistant Professor

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

- Provide psychological assessment and psychological intervention to individuals with severe psychopathology and co-morbid substance use disorders.
- Conduct forensic disability evaluations.
- Conduct psychological evaluations and individual psychotherapy with a broad range of patients.
- Supervision of doctoral level psychology interns, practicum students, and post-doctoral residents in assessment and individual and group psychotherapy.

## **Honors and Recognitions**

- AVAPL (Association of VA Psychology Leaders) Professional Service Award (2008)
- APPIC Training Director of the Year (2004)

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Siegel, W. (2010). Distance Education and Telesupervision in Professional Psychology Training; An Accreditation Perspective. Invited Key Note Address - ASPPB (Association of State and Provincial Boards of Psychology) Meeting. Seattle, WA.

Siegel, W., Klonoff, E., Leffingwell, T., DiLillo, T. (February, 2010). The Integration of Science and Practice: Teaching Empirically Based Practices Across All Levels of Doctoral Education. CCTC Joint Training Conference, Orlando, FL.

Siegel, W. & Illfelder-Kaye, J (February, 2010). APA Commission on Accreditation Self Study Training. CCTC Joint Training Conference, Orlando, FL.

Siegel, W. (July, 2009). Invited Talk – Using Automation and Technology to Evaluate Affiliated Health Training. VA Central Office, Office of Academic Affiliations, Washington, DC.

Siegel, W. & Horn, D (May, 2009). APA Commission on Accreditation Site Visitor Workshop. APA Accreditation Assembly, San Diego, CA.

Siegel, W. & Strom, T (May, 2009). Incorporating Empirically Based Practices into Internship and Postdoctoral Training. APPIC Membership Conference, Portland, OR.

Siegel, W. & Beysner, J. (May, 2009). Training for Newer Psychology Internship and Postdoc Training Directors. VA Psychology Leadership Conference, Dallas, TX.

Siegel, W. (May, 2007). Psychology Training Evaluations Using a Network Based MS Access Data Base; 5 Year Outcome Data, APPIC Conference, San Diego, CA.

Siegel, W. (June, 2007). Neuropsychological Assessment with A Substance Use Population. University of Minnesota Addiction Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2007). Instructor: Psychopathology. University of St. Mary's, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (March 2006). Guest Lecture – Psychology Consultation in a Large Medical Center. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

None

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

None

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Past Chair, VA National Psychology Training Counsel (VAPTC) (2009/2010)
- VA Psychology National Professional Standards Board (2008-Present)
- Chair, Associated Health Training Committee, Minneapolis, VAMC (2008 - present)
- Commission on Accreditation, American Psychological Association (2008 – present)
- Chair, VA National Psychology Training Counsel (VAPTC) (2008/2009)
- Veterans Administration Central Office National Field Advisory Council for Primary Care Mental Health Integration (2008 – 2009).
- Veterans Administration Central Office National Advisory Council for Psychology Training Web Site Portal Development (2007 - 2009).
- Appointed Veterans Administration Central Office National Psychology Educational Enhancement Proposal Review Board

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## **Daniel Silversmith, Psy.D.**

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### **Education**

- Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, Clinical Psychology, 1999
- Internship: Minneapolis Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1999

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

University Of Minnesota Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor, 2008  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1998

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

I work in the Addictive Disorders Service at the Minneapolis VAMC. I do individual and group therapy, assessments, and supervising.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Client Engagement in Treatment as a Function of Program Structure. Poster Session- American Psychological Association Conference, Boston, MN, August 2008

“Nature, Nurture, and Mathematics Too!”, Center of Applied Mathematics. University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. October 2005

“Assesment and Treatment of Common Personality Disorders in Correctional Settings” (shared presentation) Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN, April, 2005

“The Assessment & Treatment (?) of Sexual Sadism” (shared presentation) Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Seventh Annual Conference Brooklyn Park, MN, March, 2004

"The Use of Personality Testing in the Assessment of Sex Offenders" Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Seventh Annual Conference, Brooklyn Park, MN, March, 2003

"Treating Offenders with Intellectual Deficits" (shared presentation) Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Seventh Annual Conference, Brooklyn Park, MN, March, 2003

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Anita Sim, Ph.D.**

Staff Neuropsychologist

### **Education**

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Clinical Psychology, 2006
- Internship: University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 2006

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

- Conduct neuropsychological evaluations for veterans and active duty service members within the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department (Polytrauma/TBI, inpatient stroke, Spinal Cord Injury Center)
- Provide supervision of practicum students, pre-doctoral interns, and postdoctoral residents in neuropsychology

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Sim, A.H., Marcopulos, B., & Aucone, E. (2008). The impact of low education on Test of Memory Malinger (TOMM) performance among forensic and non-forensic psychiatric inpatients. Poster presented at the 36th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Waikoloa, HI.

Turba, U. C., Sim, A.H., Agarwal, A.K., Bozlar, U., Hagspiel, K.D., & Rehm, P.K. (2007). Radiation necrosis vs. recurrent tumor assessment using both F-18 FDG PET and MRI. Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, Chicago, IL.

Sim, A.H., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Wilson, K. (2007). Prolonged recovery of memory functioning following mTBI in adolescent athletes. Poster presented at the 35th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Portland, OR.

Sim, A. H., Wilson, K., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Bleiberg, J. (2006). Do adolescents need new baseline data each year in order to assess for concussion recovery? [Abstract]. The Clinical Neuropsychologist, 20, 218-219. Poster presented at the 2006 annual conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Philadelphia, PA.

Wilson, K., Sim, A., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Bleiberg, J. (2006). Incidence Rates of LD, ADHD, and previous head injury in high school athletes and between-groups comparison of ANAM subtest baseline performance [Abstract]. Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, 21, 573. Poster presented at the 2006 annual conference of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, San Antonio, TX.

Sim, A. H., Wilson, K., & Terryberry-Spohr, L. (2006, February). Normative study of post-concussion symptoms in high school athletes and the effects of previous head injury. Poster presented at the 34th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA.

Sim, A. H., Terryberry-Spohr, L., Bleiberg, J., & McCrea, M. (2005, August). The Nebraska Concussion Study: Implementing a concussion management program. In L. Terryberry-Spohr & A. Moore (Co-chairs), Assessment and Management of Concussion in High School Athletes.

Symposium conducted at the 2005 American Psychological Association annual convention, Washington D.C.

Sim, A. H., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & McCrea, M. (2005, February). The relationship between self-reported learning disability/ADHD/previous concussion to baseline scores on the Standardized Assessment of Concussion (SAC). Poster presented at the 33rd meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, St. Louis, MO.

Sim, A. H., Peer, J. E., Ritchie, A. J., & Spaulding, W. D. (2003). The Rey-Osterrieth and RBANS complex figure tasks: A systematic comparison [Abstract]. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 9(2), 169. Poster presented at the 31 annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, St. Louis, MO.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Romero, H.R., Lageman, S.K., Kamath, V., Irani, F., Sim, A., Suarez, P., Manly, J.J., & Attix, D.K., & the Summit Participants (2009). Challenges in the neuropsychological assessment of ethnic minorities: Summit proceedings. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 23, 761-779

Sim, A. H., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Wilson, K. R. (2008). Prolonged recovery of memory functioning following mTBI in adolescent athletes. *Journal of Neurosurgery*, 108, 511-516.

Sim, A.H., Freeman, J. R, Broshek, D.K., & Barth, J.T. (in press). Sports concussions. In B. Uzzell, N. Varney, & G. O'Shanick (Eds.), *Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Onset, Consequences, and Outcome*.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

- APA Division 40 Program Committee Member (2009-2012)
- APA Division 40 Ethnic Minorities Affairs Committee Member (2005-2009)

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## **Beret Skroch, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Argosy, Clinical Psychology, 1998
- Internship: United States Navy: Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Virginia, 1998

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Duties include providing integrated mental health services and consultation for patients and staff within the primary care setting, specialty clinics, and satellite clinics (via telemedicine).

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, October 2002 and June 2006
- Letter of Commendation, June 1999 and April 2004

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

-Skroch, B., Billig, J., Olson, D., Meyers, L. & Thuras, P. (2008, August). Primary Care/Mental Health Integration: Improving Access and Satisfaction. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

-Billig, J., Skroch, B., & Thuras, P. (2008, July). Improving Access, Care, and Satisfaction through Primary Care-Mental Health Integration. Poster presented at VA Primary Care-Mental Health Integration Conference, Washington, DC.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

- American Psychological Association: Division 18 member

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## **Scott Sponheim, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology, 1993
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1993

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

5/07 to present: Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
11/07 to present: Adjunct Associate Professor and Graduate Faculty, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Direct a clinical research laboratory investigating genetic and cognitive aspects of schizophrenia, as well as the effects of explosive blast and post-traumatic stress disorder on brain function and structure. Provide assessment and clinical services to individuals with mental disorders with an emphasis on serious and persistent mental illness. Perform diagnostic assessments of mental disorders.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

- American Psychological Association, Division 18, VA Section Outstanding Researcher of the Year, 2002.
- Award. VA VISN 13 Mental and Behavioral Health Early Investigator of the Year. October, 2000.

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

1. Sponheim S.R., Docherty A.R., Silberschmidt A.L., Krueger R.F., Tackett J.L. (September, 2009). Positive and Negative Schizotypy as Indicators of Vulnerability for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder. Presented at the 23rd Annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
2. Sponheim S.R., Bernat EM, Kang SS, Aviyente, S (May, 2009). Enhanced Measurement of Disrupted Functional Connectivity in the Brain after Blast Injury. Presented at the International State-of-the-Science Meeting on Non-Impact, Blast-Induced Mild Traumatic Brain Injury. Herndon, Virginia.
3. Sponheim S.R (Chair), Aviyente S, Bernat EM, Kang SS, Spencer KM (Discussant) (April, 2009). Symposium. Beyond Wavelets: Uniform description of time and frequency in characterizing aberrant functional synchrony in psychopathology. 15th Annual Conference on Event-Related Potentials of the Brain (EPIC XV), Bloomington, Indiana.
4. Sponheim, S. R., Aviyente, S., Kang, S. S., Stanwyck, J. J., & Bernat, E. M. (March, 2009). Gamma Band Synchrony as an Endophenotype for Schizophrenia. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, San Diego, California
5. Sponheim S.R. (September 2008). SNPing Away at DSM Classification. Presented at the 22nd Annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

1. Aviyente S., Bernat E.M., Evans W.S., Sponheim S.R. (in press). A phase synchrony measure for quantifying dynamic functional integration in the brain. Human Brain Mapping.
2. Sponheim S.R., Jung R.E., Seidman L.J., Mesholam-Gately R., Manoach D.S., O'Leary D.S., Ho B.C., Andreasen N.C., Lauriello J., Schulz S.C. (in press). Cognitive deficits in recent-onset and chronic schizophrenia. J of Psychiatric Research.
3. Goghari V.M., Sponheim, S.R., MacDonald A.W.3rd (in press). The functional neuroanatomy of

symptoms in schizophrenia: Quantitative and qualitative review of a persistent question.

Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews.

4. Venables, N.C., Bernat, E.M., Sponheim, S.R. (2009). Genetic and disorder specific aspects of resting state EEG abnormalities in schizophrenia. *Schiz. Bull.*, 35, 826-839.

5. Docherty, A.R., Sponheim, S.R. (2008). Anhedonia as a Phenotype for Genetic Liability to Schizophrenia: Association with the Val158Met Polymorphism of the COMT gene. *J of Abnorm. Psychol*, 117, 788-98

6. Goghari, V.M., Sponheim S.R. (2008). Differential association of the COMT gene Val158Met polymorphism with clinical phenotypes in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. *Schiz Res*, 103,186-91

7. Force, R.B., Venables, N.C., Sponheim, S.R. (2008). An auditory processing abnormality specific to liability for schizophrenia. *Schiz Res*, 103, 298-310

8. Tackett, J.L., Silberschmidt, A., Krueger, R.F., Sponheim, S.R. (2008). A dimensional model of personality disorder: Incorporating DSM Cluster A Characteristics. *J of Abnorm Psychol*, 117, 454-9

9. Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A., Stanwyck, J.J. (2006). Neural anomalies during sustained attention in first-degree biological relatives of schizophrenia patients. *Bio Psychi*, 60, 242-52.

10. Laes, J.R., Sponheim, S.R. (2006). Does cognition predict community function only in schizophrenia?: A study of schizophrenia patients, bipolar affective disorder patients, and community control subjects. *Schiz Res*, 84,121-31.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

1. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Genetic and Time-Frequency Aspects of Neural Phenotypes in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$650,000. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2010 to 2014.

2. Center Supplemental Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Genomics in Recovery from Serious and Persistent Mental Illness", direct costs \$294,120. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2008 to 2009.

3. Department of Defense (DoD), "The Effects of Blast As Compared to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain Function and Structure", direct costs \$1,352,107. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator, 2008 to 2012.

4. Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI), "Genes Associated with Functional and Structural Neural Injury after Brain Injury", direct cost \$20,000. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2006 to 2007.

5. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Neural Phenotype-Genotype Associations in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$799,400. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2005 to 2010.

6. R24, National Institutes of Mental Health, "Aberrant Cortical Dynamics in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$726,856. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 2004 to 2007.

7. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, "Cognitive Deficits as Indicators of Genetic Liability in Schizophrenia", direct cost \$638,100. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. 1999 to 2004.

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## **Thad Strom, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Michigan State University, Counseling Psychology, 2006
- Internship: Battle Creek VAMC, 2006

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry  
University of Minnesota

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provides individual, group and family therapy to veterans afflicted by trauma-related disorders.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Siegel, W., & Strom, T. Q. (2009). Integrating evidence based practices into internship training. Symposium at the APPIC membership conference, Portland, OR.

Polusny, M. A., Strom, T. Q., & Voller, E. (2009). Prolonged Exposure: Overview and discussion. Presentation at the annual VISN 23 Mental Health Conference, Omaha, NE.

Kingsley, C., Doshik Y., Strom, R. E., & Strom, T.Q. (2007). Compliance gaining in traumatic brain injury rehabilitation: Strategies, adaptability and communication competence. Presentation at the 92nd annual National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.

Greene, C. J., Morland, L. A., & Strom, T. Q. (2007). Using telemental health for PTSD care to rural veterans: Skills and best practices. Workshop presented at the 23rd annual ISTSS conference, Baltimore, MD.

Strom, T. Q., Morland, L. A., Castelda, B. A., Frueh, B. C., Pagano, I., & Greene, C. J. (2007). PTSD related anger and high risk behavior. Presentation at the 23rd annual ISTSS conference, Baltimore, MD.

Strom, T. Q., Greene, C. J., Pagano, I., J'Anthony, C., Frueh, B. C., & Morland, L. A. (2007). PTSD, anger, and health risk behaviors in Hawaiian island veterans. Presentation at the 23rd annual ISTSS conference, Baltimore, MD.

Strom, T. Q., Lee, D. J., Trahan, E., Kaufmann, A., & Pritchett, T. (2007). Clarifying misconceptions: The use of race and culture in counseling psychology 1995-2004. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.

Strom, T. Q., & Kosciulek, J. (2007). Stress, problem solving, and coping following traumatic brain injury. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.

Castelda, B., Strom, T. Q., Morland, L. M., Greene, C., Pagano, I. H., & MacDonald, T. (2007). Acculturation, PTSD symptom severity and anger in Pacific Island veterans. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.

Morland, L. M., Greene, C., & Strom, T. Q. (2007). PTSD and anger in Pacific Island veterans. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Lopez, F., Chervinko, S., Strom, T., Hsu, P., Kinney, J., & Bradley, M. (2005). What does it mean to be an adult?: A qualitative study of college students' perceptions and coping processes. *Journal of College and Character*, 2.

Strom, T. Q., & Kosciulek, J. (2007). Stress, problem solving and coping following traumatic brain injury. *Brain Injury*, 21(11), 1137-1145.

Strom, T. Q., Lee, D. J., Trahan, E., Kaufmann, A., & Pritchett, T. (2009). The use of race-related variables in counseling research. *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development*, 42, 121-133.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

Investigator, National Center for PTSD: The effectiveness of the work success manual for OEF/OIF veterans- October 2009. Amount: \$14,000

Co-Investigator, University of Hawaii-Manoa Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Longitudinal Assessment of Undergraduate Student Persistence – July 2007. Amount: \$7,000

### **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Linda Van Egeren, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- Southern Illinois University, Clinical Psychology, 1980
- Internship: Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, 1979

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Psychology Department, University of Minnesota since 1991

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Dr. Van Egeren serves as staff clinical psychologist for the Women's Comprehensive Health Center. Her duties include providing assessment and psychotherapy to primary care patients in the Women's Comprehensive Health Center, and consultation and inservice training to medical staff. She serves as coordinator of military sexual trauma services for the medical center and the VISN23 region. In addition, Dr. Van Egeren develops and implements needed mental health services for women veterans (e.g., infertility evaluations, eating disorders, sexual trauma) both within the women's clinic and cross mental health teams. She is the co-director of the DBT program.

Specialty areas include health psychology with a focus on women's health, sleep disorders, and sexual trauma. Theoretical orientation is cognitive behavioral with a special interest in contemporary behavior therapies such as Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), and Prolonged Exposure (PE) Therapy.

On a national level, Dr. Van Egeren serves on VA committees related to sexual trauma and healthcare for women veterans.

### **Honors and Recognitions**

May 1, 2008 - VISN 23 Mental Health Team of the Year Award. Awarded for Implementation of Cognitive Processing Therapy at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center  
Dec 20, 2004 - Special Contribution Award, Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Awarded for Contribution to the Veterans Health Initiative module on Military Sexual Trauma  
August 7, 2003 - Certificate of Appreciation, Women Veterans Health Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs - Awarded for Contribution to the Veterans Health Initiative module on Military Sexual Trauma

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Van Egeren, L. (2008, August). Disordered Eating Behaviors of Women Veterans in a Primary Care Setting. Poster accepted for presentation at the 116th Annual Convention of APA, Boston, MA.

Speck, R., Van Egeren, L., Pederson, D., Dockter, T. (2007, September).

Implementation of a Farmers Market at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Paper presented at the VA Symposium on Obesity, Nutrition, and Fitness, Washington D.C.

Van Egeren, L., Huber, T. (2003, December). Integrating mental health into primary care. VISN 23 primary care providers workshop, Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

Zuellig, A., Polusny, M. A., Dickinson, K. A., Van Egeren, L., Thuras, P., & Murdoch, M. (2003, November). The Role of Experiential Avoidance in the Relationship Between Sexual Victimization and PTSD Symptoms in Women Veterans. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Convention of AABT, Boston, MA.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Van Egeren, L. (2004). Assessment approaches in health psychology: Issues and practical considerations. In P. Camic and S. Knight (Eds.), Handbook of health psychology (2nd ed., pp. 1-16). New York: Hogrefe and Huber.

### **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

### **Other Professional Activities**

Other Professional Service: VA National Committees  
2005-2007 Women's Mental Health Strategic Planning Committee.  
Identify & facilitate evidence-based optimal mental health practice models.  
2002-2004 Planning Committee, Veterans Health Initiative Independent Study Courses.  
Military Sexual Trauma Module: [vaww.sites.lrn.va.gov/vhi/index.cfm](http://vaww.sites.lrn.va.gov/vhi/index.cfm)  
Other Professional Service: VISN 23 and Minneapolis VA Medical Center  
Committees  
2004-2008 Member, Obesity Work Group, Develop care guidelines and programs for  
VA medical centers in the region

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# **Ann Wagner-Mickle, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

## **Education**

- University of South Dakota, Vermillion, Clinical Psychology, 1998
- Internship: Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, 1997

## **Academic Appointment(s)**

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Department of Psychology  
Since 1993

## **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

Provide individual, couples, family, group psychotherapy, assessment, supervision of trainees.  
Training coordinator for the 6-month Time-Limited Dynamic Psychotherapy training clinic. Interests include effective treatments for PTSD. Special interest in treatment of chronic nightmares.

## **Honors and Recognitions**

Member of American Psychological Association

## **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Wagner-Mickle, A. M., Chiros, C., & Erbes, C. (August 2008). Single-Session Treatment of Nightmares Using Imagery Rehearsal Plus Narrative Therapy. Poster presentation at the Annual Convention for the American Psychological Association, Boston.

## **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

NA

## **Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

## **Other Professional Activities**

NA

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## **Brent Walden, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology, 2005
- Internship: Hennepin County Medical Center, 2004

### **Academic Appointment(s)**

NA

### **Clinical/ Services Delivery Responsibilities**

- Psychotherapy with individuals, couples, and groups
- Intake evaluations including diagnostic interview and history
- Personality assessment

### **Honors and Recognitions**

NA

### **Selected Presentations (Last Seven Years)**

Keyes, M. A., Walden, B., Iacono, W. G., & McGue, M. (2005, June). Disinhibited psychopathology: A developmental behavioral genetic perspective. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Behavior Genetics Association, Hollywood, CA.

McGue, M., Keyes, M., Walden, B., & Iacono, W. G. (2003, June). Shared environmental influences on adolescent functioning: Parent and sibling effects. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Behavior Genetics Association, Chicago, IL.

Walden, B., McGue, M., & Iacono, W. G. (2003, June). Effects of conduct disorder and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder on the development of alcohol use disorders in adolescence. In V. Hesselbrock (Chair), Exploring the relationship between conduct disorder and the development of alcohol use, abuse, and dependence. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

### **Selected Publication (Last Seven Years)**

Walden, B., Iacono, W. G., & McGue, M. (2007). Trajectories of change in adolescent substance use and symptomatology: Impact of paternal and maternal history. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 21, 35-43.

McGue, M., Elkins, I., Walden, B., & Iacono, W. G. (2005). Perceptions of the parent-adolescent relationship: A longitudinal investigation. *Developmental Psychology*, 41, 971-984.

McGue, M., Elkins, I., Walden, B., & Iacono, W. G. (2005). The essential role of behavioral genetics in developmental psychology: Reply to Partridge (2005) and Greenberg (2005). *Developmental Psychology*, 41, 993-997.

Walden, B., McGue, M., Iacono, W. G., Burt, S. A., & Elkins, I. (2004). Identifying shared environmental contributions to early substance use: The respective roles of peers and parents. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 113, 440-450. (Article was abstracted in the January 2005 issue of *Clinician's Research Digest*, 23, 4)

**Funded Research (Last Seven Years)**

NA

**Other Professional Activities**

- Supervision of psychology trainees on Mood Team and Psychoanalytic Clinic rotations
- Psychology Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee
- Psychology Professional Standards Board

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